

ASSEMBLY, No. 4564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires State Parole Board to submit report to Governor and Legislature regarding dispositions of cases.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT requiring the State Parole Board to submit a report
2 concerning its dispositions and supplementing P.L.1979, c.441
3 (C.30:4-123.45 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. No later than six months after the effective date of this act,
9 the State Parole Board shall submit a report to the Governor and to
10 the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
11 19.1), containing a summary of the disposition of its cases. The
12 first report required pursuant to this subsection shall provide a
13 summary of dispositions for the 10 immediately preceding years,
14 excluding any years during which the board's operations are
15 deemed by the chairman to have been substantially impaired by the
16 COVID-19 pandemic. After the board's first submission of the
17 report pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the board shall
18 subsequently submit the report on an annual basis.

19 b. Each report submitted by the board, pursuant to subsection a.
20 of this section shall include disposition statistics, racial and ethnic
21 demographic information for parolees or inmates who have been
22 denied parole, and recommendations for improvement to the
23 board's case management and services. The board shall annually
24 notify the public upon submission of the report to the Governor and
25 the Legislature, which notification shall include a link to the report
26 on the board's Internet website.
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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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30 STATEMENT

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32 This bill requires the State Parole Board to issue an annual report
33 to the Governor and the Legislature that contains a summary of the
34 disposition of its cases.

35 Pursuant to this bill, the first report is to provide a summary of
36 dispositions for the 10 immediately preceding years, excluding any
37 years during which the board's operations are deemed by the
38 chairman to have been substantially impaired by the COVID-19
39 pandemic. After the board's first submission of the report, the
40 board is to subsequently submit the report on an annual basis.

41 This bill also requires that each report submitted by the board
42 include disposition statistics, racial and ethnic demographic
43 information for parolees or inmates who have been denied parole,
44 and recommendations for improvement to the board's case
45 management and services. The board is to annually notify the
46 public upon submission of the report to the Governor and the
47 Legislature, and include a link to the report on the board's Internet
48 website in the notification.