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General Assembly

Raised Bill No.

No. 11

09956 _____ JUD

Referred to Committee on

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 54-125a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) A person convicted of one or more crimes who is incarcerated on
5 or after October 1, 1990, who received a definite sentence or aggregate
6 sentence of more than two years, and who has been confined under
7 such sentence or sentences for not less than one-half of the aggregate
8 sentence or one-half of the most recent sentence imposed by the court,
9 whichever is greater, may be allowed to go at large on parole in the
10 discretion of the panel of the Board of Pardons and Paroles for the
11 institution in which the person is confined, if (1) it appears from all
12 available information, including any reports from the Commissioner of
13 Correction that the panel may require, that there is reasonable
14 probability that such inmate will live and remain at liberty without
15 violating the law, and (2) such release is not incompatible with the
16 welfare of society. At the discretion of the panel, and under the terms

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17 and conditions as may be prescribed by the panel including requiring
18 the parolee to submit personal reports, the parolee shall be allowed to
19 return to the parolee's home or to reside in a residential community
20 center, or to go elsewhere. The parolee shall, while on parole, remain
21 under the jurisdiction of the board until the expiration of the
22 maximum term or terms for which the parolee was sentenced. Any
23 parolee released on the condition that the parolee reside in a
24 residential community center may be required to contribute to the cost
25 incidental to such residence. Each order of parole shall fix the limits of
26 the parolee's residence, which may be changed in the discretion of the
27 board and the Commissioner of Correction. Within three weeks after
28 the commitment of each person sentenced to more than [one year] two
29 years, the [state's attorney for the judicial district] prosecuting official
30 shall send to the Board of Pardons and Paroles the criminal record, if
31 any, of such person, a copy of the police report, a copy of any
32 presentence investigation report prepared pursuant to section 54-91a
33 and a transcript of the sentencing hearing.

34 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Whenever a clerk of the court
35 issues a judgment mittimus committing a person to the custody of the
36 Commissioner of Correction, such clerk shall indicate on the mittimus
37 whether a presentence investigation report was prepared for such
38 person in accordance with section 54-91a of the general statutes and
39 the date of such report.

40 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) No panel of the Board of
41 Pardons and Paroles shall hold a hearing to determine the suitability
42 for parole release of any person or hold a meeting to consider the
43 recommendation of an employee of the board made pursuant to
44 section 54-125b of the general statutes to grant parole to a person
45 unless the members of the panel have received and reviewed the
46 complete file on such person including, but not limited to, such
47 person's criminal record, a copy of the police report, a copy of any
48 presentence investigation report prepared pursuant to section 54-91a
49 of the general statutes and a transcript of the sentencing hearing

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50 required to be delivered to the board pursuant to section 51-286f of the
51 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	54-125a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that the Board of Pardons and Paroles has complete information on an inmate before the board votes on whether to allow the inmate to be released on parole.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]