



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 506

LCO No. 2535

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING 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 54-124a of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 12 of public act 08-1 of the January special session,
3 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
4 *1, 2008*):

5 (a) There shall be a Board of Pardons and Paroles. [within the
6 Department of Correction, for administrative purposes only.] On and
7 after February 1, 2008, and prior to July 1, 2008, the board shall consist
8 of not more than twenty-five members appointed by the Governor. On
9 and after July 1, 2008, the board shall consist of eighteen members. On
10 and after February 1, 2008, the Governor shall appoint all members of
11 the board with the advice and consent of both houses of the General
12 Assembly. On and after July 1, 2008, twelve of the members shall serve
13 exclusively on parole release panels, five of the members shall serve
14 exclusively on pardons panels and the chairperson may serve on both
15 parole release panels and pardons panels. In the appointment of
16 members on and after February 1, 2008, the Governor shall specify the
17 member being appointed as chairperson, the full-time and part-time

18 members being appointed to serve on parole release panels and the
19 members being appointed to serve on pardons panels. In the
20 appointment of the members, the Governor shall comply with the
21 provisions of section 4-9b. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson
22 from among the membership. The members of the board appointed on
23 or after February 1, 2008, shall be qualified by education, experience
24 or training in the administration of community corrections, parole or
25 pardons, criminal justice, criminology, the evaluation or supervision of
26 offenders or the provision of mental health services to offenders. Each
27 appointment of a member of the board submitted by the Governor to
28 the General Assembly on or after February 1, 2008, shall be referred,
29 without debate, to the committee on the judiciary which shall report
30 thereon not later than thirty legislative days after the date of reference.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	54-124a(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To make the Board of Pardons and Paroles an independent agency.

[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.]