



House Bill No. 5250

Public Act No. 10-14

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 54-124a of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There shall be a Board of Pardons and Paroles within the Department of Correction, for administrative purposes only. [On and after February 1, 2008, and prior to July 1, 2008, the board shall consist of not more than twenty-five members appointed by the Governor.] On and after July 1, 2008, and prior to July 1, 2010, the board shall consist of eighteen members, and on and after July 1, 2010, the board shall consist of twenty members. [On and after February 1, 2008, the] The Governor shall appoint all members of the board with the advice and consent of both houses of the General Assembly. On and after July 1, 2008, twelve of the members shall serve exclusively on parole release panels, five of the members shall serve exclusively on pardons panels and the chairperson may serve on both parole release panels and pardons panels, except that on and after July 1, 2010, seven of the members shall serve exclusively on pardons panels. In the appointment of the members, [on and after February 1, 2008,] the

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

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