

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB647

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Miller, Yvonne

3. Committee Passed both houses

4. Title Parole Board composition

5. Summary/Purpose:

Under current law, the Parole Board consists of five members. Under this legislation, the Board would continue to have five members, but only three of those members would be full time, with the other two designated as part-time members.

Other provisions of the bill relate to notifications by the Parole Board prior to releasing an inmate on parole. One provision would require the Parole Board to notify the attorney for the Commonwealth for the jurisdiction where an inmate was sentenced twenty-one days prior to the release on parole of any inmates sentenced to a term of ten years or more. Another provision of the bill deals with the notification of a victim. Currently, if a victim has requested to be notified prior to an inmate's release on parole, the Parole Board is required to do so and provide the victim an opportunity to comment on the impact that release on parole would have on the victim. Under the proposed bill, the Parole Board would have to make an effort to contact a victim prior to an inmate's release on parole, regardless of whether the victim requested to be notified.

6. Fiscal Impact: Final.

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03	(157,489)	(3.0)	General
2003-04	(193,497)	(3.0)	General

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. The budget conferees included these savings in their amendments.

8. Fiscal implications:

The projected savings are based on the elimination of two full-time board members and one clerical position. There is expected to be sufficient funds in the Board's appropriation to cover the salaries of the part-time board members, if the Board is exempted from many across-the-board budget reductions.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Parole Board

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments:

In the General Provisions section of the budget bill there is a table setting out the salaries to be paid gubernatorial appointees. In the introduced budget bill this table included salaries for five full-time Parole Board members. The budget conference report does not include an amendment to this provision. Unless this provision is changed, the Parole Board could be legally obligated to pay the part-time members a full-time salary.

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