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2	42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE; MERGING THE PAROLE BOARD AND THE
12	JUVENILE PAROLE BOARD; AMENDING, REPEALING AND ENACTING SECTIONS
13	OF THE NMSA 1978.
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15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
16	Section 1. Section 9-3-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977,
17	Chapter 257, Section 12) is amended to read:
18	"9-3-11. ADMI NI STRATI VE ATTACHMENT
19	A. The following entities are administratively
20	attached to the <u>corrections</u> department:
21	(1) the [adult] parole board;
22	(2) the governor's organized crime prevention
23	commission; and
24	(3) the public defender department.
25	B. All powers and duties vested in the entities

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Section 2. Section 31-21-22 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 194, Section 1) is amended to read:

"31-21-22. SHORT TITLE. -- Sections [1 through 5 of this act] 31-21-22 through 31-21-26 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Parole Board Act"."

Section 31-21-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 194, Section 2) is amended to read:

"31-21-23. PURPOSE. -- The purpose of the Parole Board Act is to create a full-time professional, salaried parole board to carry out adult and child parole duties."

Section 31-21-25 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Section 4. Chapter 194, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"31-21-25. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD. --

The board shall have the powers and duties of the former state board of probation and parole pursuant to Sections 31-21-6 and 31-21-10 through 31-21-17 NMSA 1978 and the former juvenile parole board pursuant to the Children's Code and [such] additional powers and duties relating to [the] parole [of adults as are [hereinafter] enumerated in the Parole Board Act.

- The board shall have the following powers and В. duties to:
 - (1) grant, deny or revoke parole;

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- **(2)** conduct or cause to be conducted [such] investigations, examinations, interviews, hearings and other proceedings as may be necessary for the effectual discharge of the duties of the board:
- (3) summon witnesses, books, papers, reports, documents or tangible things and administer oaths as may be necessary for the effectual discharge of the duties of the board:
- **(4)** maintain records of its acts. decisions and orders and notify each corrections facility of its decisions relating to persons who are or have been confined therein and notify any agency affected by its decision;
- adopt an official seal of which the courts **(5)** shall take judicial notice;
- employ [such] officers, agents, assistants and other employees as may be necessary for the effectual discharge of the duties of the board;
- (7) contract for services, supplies, equipment, office space and [such] other provisions as may be necessary for the effectual discharge of the duties of the board; and
- (8) adopt [such] rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effectual discharge of the duties of the board.
- The board shall provide a prisoner or parolee **C**. with a written statement of the reason or reasons for denying or

revoking parole.

D. The board shall adopt a written policy specifying the criteria to be considered by the board in determining whether to grant, deny or revoke parole or to discharge a parolee.

E. At least thirty days before ordering parole of a child, the board shall notify the children's court judge of the judicial district from which legal custody of the child was transferred. The judge may express his views on the child's prospective parole, either in writing or personally, to the board, but the final parole decision shall be that of the board. A copy of the final parole decision shall be filed with the court of original jurisdiction. In the event venue has been transferred, a copy of the board's decision shall also be filed with the children's court to which venue has been transferred.

F. Before ordering parole of a child, the board shall personally interview the child. The board shall furnish to each child paroled a written statement of the conditions of parole, which conditions shall be acknowledged by the child and his parent, custodian or guardian.

G. The board shall provide the child and his parent, custodian or guardian with a written statement of the reason for denying parole within forty-eight hours after the hearing."

Section 5. A new section of the Parole Board Act is enacted to read:

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"[NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS. -- As used in the Parole Board Act:

- A. "adult" means a person eighteen years of age or
 - B. "board" means the parole board; and
- $\hbox{\it C. "child" means a person less than eighteen years} \\$ of age."

Section 6. A new section of the Parole Board Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] PAROLE ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN. --

- A. A child is eligible to appear before the board forty days after the entry of a judgment transferring legal custody to an agency for the care and rehabilitation of delinquent children, unless recommended for an earlier appearance by the agency responsible for the care and rehabilitation.
- B. In the event parole is denied, the child shall be eligible for review sixty days after parole is denied.
- C. The board may review the case of any child upon its own motion at any time after parole is denied.
- D. The provisions of this 1996 act apply to all children who, on the effective date of this 1996 act, are on parole or eligible to be placed on parole with the same effect as if this 1996 act had been in effect at the time they were placed on parole or became eligible to be placed on parole."

Section 7. A new section of the Parole Board Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] ACCESS.--The board shall have access at all reasonable times to any child over whom the board has jurisdiction and any records pertaining to the child. The agency to which legal custody was transferred shall also provide the board with facilities appropriate for communicating with and interviewing children."

Section 8. TEMPORARY PROVISION--TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY--CONTRACTS--REFERENCES.--On the effective date of this act, functions, personnel, money, appropriations, records, furniture, equipment, supplies and other property of the juvenile parole board shall be transferred to the parole board. All contracts and other agreements of the juvenile parole board shall be binding on the parole board. References in the law to the juvenile parole board or the adult parole board shall be construed as references to the parole board.

Section 9. REPEAL. -- Sections 9-2A-5 and 32A-7-1 through 32A-7-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 57, Section 5 and Laws 1993, Chapter 77, Sections 194 through 202) are repealed.

Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1996.

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Mr. President:

Your **COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

has had it under consideration and finds same to be **GERMANE**, PURSUANT TO HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NUMBER 34 and thence referred to the

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR MANNY M ARAGON, Chairman

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