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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES TO ADDRESS PRISON POPULATION INCREASES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the department of corrections (department) to track the prison bed vacancy rate in both correctional facilities and state-funded private contract prison beds. If the vacancy rate falls below 2% for 30 consecutive days, the department shall notify the governor, the joint budget committee, the parole board, and the office of community corrections in the department of public safety (office of community corrections). The department shall notify the governor, the joint budget committee, the parole board, and the office of community corrections

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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once the vacancy rate exceeds 3% for 30 consecutive days.

When the vacancy rate falls below 2% for 30 consecutive days, the department may:

- ! Request the office of community corrections to provide the department with information regarding the location and nature of any unutilized community corrections beds;
- ! Provide the parole board with a list of inmates who are within 90 days of their mandatory release date, have a verified parole sponsor, and do not require full board review or victim notification. The parole board must hold a file review for the inmates on the list within 10 days after the receipt of the list.
- ! Provide the parole board with a list of inmates who have conditional parole approval, do not require full board review or victim notification, and have satisfied the condition or conditions required for parole. The parole board must hold a file review for the inmates on the list within 10 days of the receipt of the list.

If the department institutes any of the measures described in the bill, the department shall notify each elected district attorney, the chief judge of each judicial district, and the state public defender. The department shall notify each elected district attorney, the chief judge of each judicial district, and the state public defender once the measures described are no longer being used.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 17-1-119.7 as
3 follows:

4 **17-1-119.7. Prison population management measures.** (1) THE
5 DEPARTMENT SHALL TRACK THE PRISON BED VACANCY RATE IN BOTH
6 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND STATE-FUNDED PRIVATE CONTRACT
7 PRISON BEDS. IF THE VACANCY RATE FALLS BELOW TWO PERCENT FOR
8 THIRTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE
9 GOVERNOR, THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE PAROLE BOARD, AND THE
10 OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
11 SAFETY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR, THE JOINT

1 BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE PAROLE BOARD, AND THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY
2 CORRECTIONS ONCE THE VACANCY RATE EXCEEDS THREE PERCENT FOR
3 THIRTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

4 (2) (a) IF THE VACANCY RATE IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND
5 PRIVATE CONTRACT PRISONS FALLS BELOW TWO PERCENT FOR THIRTY
6 CONSECUTIVE DAYS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY:

7 (I) REQUEST THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO
8 PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE LOCATION
9 AND NATURE OF ANY UNUTILIZED COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BEDS. THE
10 OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION
11 WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS OF THE REQUEST AND ON A WEEKLY BASIS
12 UNTIL THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS RECEIVES NOTIFICATION
13 THAT THE VACANCY RATE EXCEEDS THREE PERCENT.

14 (II) PROVIDE THE PAROLE BOARD WITH A LIST OF INMATES WHO
15 ARE WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THEIR MANDATORY RELEASE DATE, HAVE A
16 VERIFIED PAROLE SPONSOR, AND DO NOT REQUIRE FULL BOARD REVIEW OR
17 VICTIM NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-4.1-302.5 (1)(j); AND

18 (III) PROVIDE THE PAROLE BOARD WITH A LIST OF INMATES WHO
19 HAVE CONDITIONAL PAROLE APPROVAL, DO NOT REQUIRE FULL BOARD
20 REVIEW OR VICTIM NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-4.1-302.5
21 (1)(j), AND HAVE SATISFIED THE CONDITION OR CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR
22 AN ORDER TO PAROLE.

23 (b) THE DEPARTMENT MAY UTILIZE ANY, ALL, OR A COMBINATION
24 OF THE MEASURES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION
25 WHEN THE VACANCY RATE FALLS BELOW TWO PERCENT FOR THIRTY
26 CONSECUTIVE DAYS AND UNTIL THE VACANCY RATE IS ABOVE THREE
27 PERCENT FOR THIRTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

1 (c) IF THE DEPARTMENT INSTITUTES ANY OF THE MEASURES
2 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT
3 SHALL NOTIFY EACH ELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE CHIEF JUDGE OF
4 EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, AND THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER. THE
5 DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY EACH ELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE
6 CHIEF JUDGE OF EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, AND THE STATE PUBLIC
7 DEFENDER ONCE THE MEASURES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS
8 SECTION ARE NO LONGER BEING USED.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-2-201, **add** (16)
10 as follows:

11 **17-2-201. State board of parole - duties - definitions.**

12 (16) (a) THE PAROLE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT A FILE REVIEW FOR EACH
13 INMATE WHO IS LISTED ON THE NOTIFICATIONS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-1-119.7 (2)(a)(II) OR (2)(a)(III) WITHIN TEN
15 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTIFICATION. THE PAROLE BOARD MUST
16 EVALUATE THE INMATE'S INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIOR, PROGRAM PROGRESS,
17 AND APPROPRIATENESS FOR RELEASE.

18 (b) IF THE PAROLE BOARD GRANTS PAROLE TO AN INMATE ON THE
19 NOTIFICATION LIST PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-1-119.7 (2)(a)(II), IT MAY
20 SET THE RELEASE DATE UP TO THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE INMATE'S
21 MANDATORY RELEASE DATE BUT NOT SOONER THAN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER
22 THE FILE REVIEW. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE INMATE'S PAROLE
23 SPONSOR TO VERIFY HIS OR HER WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO SPONSOR
24 THE INMATE ON THE AMENDED RELEASE DATE.

25 (c) IF THE PAROLE BOARD GRANTS PAROLE TO AN INMATE ON THE
26 NOTIFICATION LIST PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-1-119.7 (2)(a)(III), IT MAY
27 SET THE RELEASE DATE NO SOONER THAN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE FILE

1 REVIEW. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE INMATE'S PAROLE SPONSOR
2 TO VERIFY HIS OR HER WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO SPONSOR THE INMATE
3 ON THE AMENDED RELEASE DATE.

4 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.