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HOUSE BILL 16-1215

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CHANGING THE STATUTORY PURPOSES OF PAROLE TO  
102 SUCCESSFULLY REINTEGRATE PAROLEES INTO SOCIETY BY  
103 PROVIDING ENHANCED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

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**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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill redefines the purposes of parole.

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-22.5-102.5,  
2 **amend** (1) as follows:

3           **17-22.5-102.5. Purpose of parole.** (1) The purposes of this  
4 article with respect to parole are:

5           ~~(a) To punish a convicted offender by assuring that his length of~~  
6 ~~incarceration and period of parole supervision are in relation to the~~  
7 ~~seriousness of his offense~~ TO FURTHER ALL PURPOSES OF SENTENCING  
8 AND IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY BY REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF CRIME AND  
9 TECHNICAL PAROLE VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY PEOPLE ON PAROLE;

10           ~~(b) To assure the fair and consistent treatment of all convicted~~  
11 ~~offenders by eliminating unjustified disparity in length of incarceration,~~  
12 ~~and establishing fair procedures for the imposition of a period of parole~~  
13 ~~supervision; and~~ TO PREPARE, SELECT, AND ASSIST PEOPLE WHO, AFTER  
14 SERVING A STATUTORILY DEFINED PERIOD OF INCARCERATION, WILL BE  
15 TRANSITIONED AND RETURNED TO THE COMMUNITY;

16           ~~(c) To promote rehabilitation by encouraging the successful~~  
17 ~~reintegration of convicted offenders into the community while~~  
18 ~~recognizing the need for public safety.~~ TO SET INDIVIDUALIZED  
19 CONDITIONS OF PAROLE AND TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION SERVICES AND  
20 SUPPORT TO ASSIST PEOPLE ON PAROLE IN ADDRESSING IDENTIFIED RISKS  
21 AND NEEDS; AND

22           (d) TO ACHIEVE A SUCCESSFUL DISCHARGE FROM PAROLE  
23 SUPERVISION FOR PEOPLE ON PAROLE THROUGH COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
24 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RELEASE THAT ADDRESS THEIR RISKS AND  
25 NEEDS.

26           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
27 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
2 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.