

CHAPTER 120

CORRECTIONS

HOUSE BILL 16-1215

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) McCann and Kagan, Court, Foote, Lawrence, Lee, Melton, Pettersen, Salazar, Sias, Willett, Becker K., Brown, Esgar, Fields, Garnett, Hamner, Kraft-Tharp, Lontine, Moreno, Primavera, Ryden, Singer, Young, Hullinghorst; also SENATOR(S) Guzman, Aguilar, Carroll, Donovan, Heath, Hill, Jahn, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, Merrifield, Newell, Steadman, Todd, Ulibarri.

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

IDENTIFIED RISKS AND NEEDS; AND

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

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 21, 2016