

# Board of Parole Commissioners



## **Governor's Recommended Budget for the 2018-19 Biennium**

Connie S. Bisbee, Chairman

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## Agency goals:

- Conducting and completing prompt, fair and impartial hearings on parole release and parole violation matters.
- Maintaining the safety of the general public is the top priority in the decision making process.



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## Enhancements:

- Addition of an Administrative Assistant III to support the Program Officer I with Pardons Board duties.
  - Decision Unit: E358
- Transition of the Parole Board's current phone system to the State's phone system.
  - Decision Unit: E359



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## Areas of Importance/Concern:

- **Cat 12 - Hearing Representatives**
  - Hearing Representatives decreased from FY16 Base (\$58,370) to FY17 Work Program (\$43,723) to meet the cap.
  - Consequences of insufficient Hearing Representative funding include an increased case load for Commissioners, which can further result in a higher denial rate.



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## Areas of Importance/Concern (cont.):

- The Board was not funded to replace the parole hearings module in NDOC's NOTIS system (NDOC is moving away from using NOTIS).
- The Parole Hearing Module provides for organizational processes and functionality. Without this module, more personnel are needed to manage processes.
- Additionally, the NOTIS database stores information that is critical to ensuring the risk instrument used by the board remains valid. A solution to ensure no loss in functionality needs to be addressed before the Board is forced to move to a manual system of managing its processes.

