

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 17–
Assemblyman Parks

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of the sentencing of convicted persons and of the pardons, parole and probation services provided in this State.

WHEREAS, Nevada has one of the highest per capita incarceration levels in the country; and

WHEREAS, Nevada remains one of the few states that uses incarceration, the most expensive method of corrections, as the primary method of addressing criminal conduct; and

WHEREAS, The number of inmates who are released from prison onto parole in Nevada is declining; and

WHEREAS, Reducing the required time for incarceration has not produced an impact on individual recidivism rates or aggregate crime levels; and

WHEREAS, High-risk offenders must be closely supervised and provided with more rehabilitative services to promote their reintegration to society and maintenance of a crime-free life; and

WHEREAS, Parole should not be revoked for the commission of a misdemeanor or for technical violations of parole rules, but instead, revocation must be limited to serious infractions involving the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, Certain juveniles who commit serious crimes are transferred to the adult criminal justice system in this State; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to review options for sentencing juveniles who commit such serious crimes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to appoint an interim committee, composed of three members of the Assembly and three members of the Senate, one of whom must be appointed as Chairman of the committee, to conduct a study of the sentencing of convicted persons and of the pardons, parole and probation services provided in this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation, an evaluation of:

1. The current practices and procedures relating to issuing pardons and granting and revoking parole and probation in this State;
2. The manner of imposing sentences in this State;
3. The feasibility of establishing mandatory parole after an offender serves a portion of a sentence;
4. Sentencing options that provide for combined prison terms and postincarceration supervision;

5. Gender and ethnic parity in sentencing;
6. Training, educational and rehabilitation programs that are available for offenders in this State;
7. Programs developed in other states that provide a system of community-based programs that place offenders in more specialized programs according to their needs;
8. The procedures for determining when to release inmates into community supervision programs;
9. Methods to promote more cost-effective pardons, parole and probation practices; and
10. Methods for combining juvenile and adult sentencing options for juveniles who commit serious crimes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Corrections and the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety are hereby directed to provide information and assistance to the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the interim committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Assembly and a majority of the members of the Senate appointed to the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a report of the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature.