

# ***DIVISION OF PAROLE***

## ***MISSION***

The Division of Parole, which consists of the Board of Parole and Division staff, is responsible for preparing eligible offenders to be released from prison, allowing for their release and setting the conditions of release, supervising those offenders in the community, and providing parolees with assistance to help them successfully reintegrate into society.

## ***ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING***

The 19 members of the Board of Parole are appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate, for six-year terms. One member is designated by the Governor to serve as the Board's Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Division. Board members review the cases of offenders eligible for parole release and determine if and under what conditions the offender should be released to parole supervision. Board members establish conditions the parolee must abide by in the community if released. These conditions outline a parolee's responsibilities while under community supervision and, if these conditions are violated, serve as justification for parole revocation.

Parole Operations staff are located across the state in 38 community-based field supervision offices and 70 correctional institutions. The Division's administrative staff and executive team are located at its central office in Albany. The Division will have a workforce of 2,069 in 2007-08.

## ***FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS***

In 2007-08, approximately \$162 million in State tax dollars will enable the Division of Parole to continue its commitment to public safety by preparing inmates for release, supervising offenders in the community, and assisting parolees in finding the necessary support services that play a crucial role in their transition back into society.

Approximately \$37 million in State funds are recommended to support the Aid to Localities portion of the budget. Of these funds, approximately \$16 million supports substance abuse treatment, vocational development and residential stabilization programs. Included within that funding is \$3 million that will be dedicated to help ease the transition of newly released offenders returning to the community from prison. This funding will assist those offenders whose needs include: substance abuse treatment; suitable employment; and adequate housing. Access to these services enhances the prospects of recently released offenders successfully re-integrating into the community.

Aid to Localities funding also includes reimbursement to county jails that house parole violators who are awaiting a parole revocation hearing, which will determine whether the individual will return to State prison, be sent to the Willard Drug Treatment Campus, or be returned to the community. The Executive Budget includes a proposal to change the parole violator hearing process to reduce the amount of time alleged violators spend in local jails. Localities will have the option of transferring alleged parole violators to State prison prior to their parole revocation hearing if, based on an agreement with the Department of Correctional Services, the hearing can be conducted using video conferencing. Furthermore, an Administrative Law Judge can reduce the term of incarceration for appropriate parole violators based upon recommendations by a parole officer.

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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The state parole system involves three major activities: preparing inmates for re-entry into the community; assisting the Board in making release determinations and setting conditions; and supervising parolees released from prison while supporting their successful reintegration into the community.

Institutional Parole staff, assigned to correctional facilities, assist the Board by preparing an assessment of an inmate's readiness for release based on his or her case history. Facility Parole Officers assess an inmate's rehabilitation progress, family background and community connections, as well as housing and employment prospects for the Board's consideration. Working in cooperation with Field Parole Officers, Facility Parole Officers attempt to obtain housing, employment and other services for inmates that are to be released into the community.

Immediately upon being released from prison, parolees are assigned to a Field Parole Officer. Field Parole Officers supervise parolees by monitoring behavior, reviewing employment, evaluating treatment progress and administering drug tests. In addition to closely monitoring offenders in the community, the Division helps parolees avoid reverting to a life of crime by contracting for various services to support their return to society, such as substance abuse counseling and treatment, supportive housing and employment training.

Intensive supervision is provided for sex offenders, violent felony offenders, offenders with severe mental health conditions, and for those parolees who graduate from the Shock Incarceration program or complete the drug treatment program at the Willard Drug Treatment Campus. The Division continues its efforts to ensure that sex offenders under parole supervision are strictly monitored and kept away from the most vulnerable members of the community. In addition to an intensive level of parole officer supervision, electronic monitoring and polygraphs are used to track these offenders and deter their predatory behavior.

As part of the effort to reduce recidivism through a focus on community re-entry, a thorough review will be conducted to assess the roles and responsibilities of the Division of Parole and the Department of Correctional Services in this regard. This review will determine the most efficient and effective means to provide services while maintaining a high level of public safety throughout the state. The goal is to create a more seamless system for assessing the needs of offenders, ensuring access to services, maintaining accurate records of offender information, and addressing other factors essential to successful community re-entry.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available 2006-07</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended 2007-08</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended 2007-08</u>
State Operations	160,458,000	163,256,000	2,798,000	0
Aid To Localities	53,146,000	46,296,000	(6,850,000)	15,075,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>213,604,000</u>	<u>209,552,000</u>	<u>(4,052,000)</u>	<u>15,075,000</u>

**ALL FUND TYPES  
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM  
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>		
	<b>2006-07 Estimated FTEs 03/31/07</b>	<b>2007-08 Estimated FTEs 03/31/08</b>	<b>FTE Change</b>
Administration			
General Fund	107	107	0
Parole Operations			
General Fund	1,972	1,962	(10)
Total	<u>2,079</u>	<u>2,069</u>	<u>(10)</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Available 2006-07</b>	<b>Recommended 2007-08</b>	<b>Change</b>
General Fund	159,133,000	161,931,000	2,798,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	500,000	500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	825,000	825,000	0
Total	<u>160,458,000</u>	<u>163,256,000</u>	<u>2,798,000</u>

Adjustments:

Transfer(s) To	
Executive Chamber	
General Fund	40,000
Appropriated 2006-07	<u>160,498,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Available 2006-07</b>	<b>Recommended 2007-08</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration			
General Fund	8,687,000	8,954,000	267,000
Parole Operations			
General Fund	150,446,000	152,977,000	2,531,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	500,000	500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	825,000	825,000	0
Total	<u>160,458,000</u>	<u>163,256,000</u>	<u>2,798,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2007-08 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	7,230,000	168,000	7,203,000	179,000
Parole Operations	115,498,000	(933,000)	111,081,000	(784,000)
Total	<u>122,728,000</u>	<u>(765,000)</u>	<u>118,284,000</u>	<u>(605,000)</u>

  

<b>Program</b>	<b>Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)</b>		<b>Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	0	0	27,000	(11,000)
Parole Operations	87,000	3,000	4,330,000	(152,000)
Total	<u>87,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,357,000</u>	<u>(163,000)</u>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2007-08 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,724,000	99,000	40,000	0
Parole Operations	37,479,000	3,464,000	1,253,000	114,000
Total	39,203,000	3,563,000	1,293,000	114,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	282,000	12,000	1,384,000	84,000
Parole Operations	4,374,000	380,000	30,098,000	2,941,000
Total	4,656,000	392,000	31,482,000	3,025,000

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	18,000	3,000
Parole Operations	1,754,000	29,000
Total	1,772,000	32,000

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2007-08 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Parole Operations	1,325,000	0	825,000	0
Total	1,325,000	0	825,000	0

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Parole Operations	500,000	0
Total	500,000	0

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available	Recommended	Change
	2006-07	2007-08	
General Fund	43,896,000	37,046,000	(6,850,000)
Internal Service Funds	9,250,000	9,250,000	0
Total	53,146,000	46,296,000	(6,850,000)

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Program	Available	Recommended	Change
	2006-07	2007-08	
Parole Operations			
General Fund	43,896,000	37,046,000	(6,850,000)
Internal Service Funds	9,250,000	9,250,000	0
Total	53,146,000	46,296,000	(6,850,000)