

SB 42 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

Action Date: 02/18/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 4-3-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Heard, Prozanski

Nays: 3 - Linthicum, Manning Jr, Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/28, 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Includes officers and employees of the State Board of Parole and Post Prison Supervision (Board) who have duties that include in-person contact with adults in custody, adults on supervision, or adults on the sex offender registry and are classified as other than secretarial or clerical within the definition of police officer in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Employees who have contact with adults in custody and persons on release do not have the same PERS as local community corrections officers
- Hiring and retention challenges of Board
- Amendment limits applicability

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Limits application of police and fire benefit to those with in-person contact who are classified as other than secretarial or clerical.

BACKGROUND:

The State Parole Board was established in 1905 and renamed the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision in 1989. The Board has five members and 15 full-time positions within the agency. The Board is responsible for conducting release hearings for certain adults in custody, setting supervision requirements and conditions for release from prison, and classifying adult offenders with convictions requiring them to report as a sex offender into a three-tiered notification system.

Within the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), a special classification exists for police officers and firefighters. Included within the definition of "police officer" are employees of the Department of Corrections whose duties include the custody or transfer of adults in custody, parole and probation officers, and employees of youth correctional facilities and juvenile detention facilities whose primary jobs are the custody, control, treatment, investigation, or supervision of juveniles placed in such facilities.

Senate Bill 42 A adds members and officers of the Board of Parole and Post Prison Supervision and employees of the Board who have duties that include in-person contact with adults in custody, adults on supervision, or adults on the sex offender registry within the definition of "police officer" for purposes of PERS.