

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—
ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS

APRIL 14, 2005

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct interim study of sentencing of convicted persons and of pardons, parole and probation services provided in this State. (BDR R-954)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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.

- 1 WHEREAS, Nevada has one of the highest per capita
2 incarceration levels in the country; and
3 WHEREAS, Nevada remains one of the few states that uses
4 incarceration, the most expensive method of corrections, to address
5 criminal conduct; and
6 WHEREAS, The number of inmates who are released from prison
7 onto parole in Nevada is declining; and
8 WHEREAS, Reducing the required time for incarceration has not
9 produced an impact on individual recidivism rates or aggregate
10 crime levels; and
11 WHEREAS, High-risk offenders must be closely supervised and
12 provided with more rehabilitative services to promote their
13 reintegration to society and maintenance of a crime-free life; and
14 WHEREAS, Parole should not be revoked for the commission of
15 a misdemeanor or for technical violations of parole rules, but
16 instead, revocation must be limited to serious infractions involving
17 the commission of a felony; now, therefore, be it
18 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
19 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby
20 directed to appoint an interim committee, composed of three



1 members of the Assembly and three members of the Senate, one of
2 whom must be appointed as Chairman of the committee, to conduct
3 a study of the sentencing of convicted persons and of the pardons,
4 parole and probation services provided in this State; and be it further

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

7 1. The current practices and procedures relating to issuing
8 pardons and granting and revoking parole and probation in this
9 State;

10 2. The manner of imposing sentences in this State;

11 3. The feasibility of establishing mandatory parole after an
12 offender serves a portion of a sentence;

13 4. Sentencing options that provide for combined prison terms
14 and postincarceration supervision;

15 5. Gender and ethnic parity in sentencing;

16 6. Training, educational and rehabilitation programs that are
17 available for offenders in this State;

18 7. Programs developed in other states that provide a system of
19 community-based programs that place offenders in more specialized
20 programs according to their needs;

21 8. The procedures for determining when to release inmates into
22 community supervision programs; and

23 9. Methods to promote more cost-effective pardons, parole and
24 probation practices; and be it further

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

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

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

