

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, as the
5 primary method of addressing 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; and
18 WHEREAS, Certain juveniles who commit serious crimes are
19 transferred to the adult criminal justice system in this State; and



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

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

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

12 1. The current practices and procedures relating to issuing
13 pardons and granting and revoking parole and probation in this
14 State;

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

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

18 4. Sentencing options that provide for combined prison terms
19 and postincarceration supervision;

20 5. Gender and ethnic parity in sentencing;

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

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

26 8. The procedures for determining when to release inmates into
27 community supervision programs;

28 9. Methods to promote more cost-effective pardons, parole and
29 probation practices; and

30 10. Methods for combining juvenile and adult sentencing
31 options for juveniles who commit serious crimes; and be it further

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

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

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

