

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS, PAROLE, AND PROBATION**

**Seventy-Ninth Session  
May 9, 2017**

The Committee on Corrections, Parole, and Probation was called to order by Chairman James Ohrenschall at 8:08 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblyman James Ohrenschall, Chairman  
Assemblyman Steve Yeager, Vice Chairman  
Assemblyman Elliot T. Anderson  
Assemblywoman Lesley E. Cohen  
Assemblyman Ozzie Fumo  
Assemblyman Ira Hansen  
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui  
Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner  
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller  
Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson  
Assemblywoman Jill Tolles  
Assemblyman Justin Watkins  
Assemblyman Jim Wheeler

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Assemblyman Keith Pickard (excused)

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

None



**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Diane C. Thornton, Committee Policy Analyst  
Brad Wilkinson, Committee Counsel  
Karyn Werner, Committee Secretary  
Melissa Loomis, Committee Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Chuck Callaway, Police Director, Office of Intergovernmental Services, Las Vegas  
Metropolitan Police Department

**Chairman Ohrenschall:**

[Roll was taken. Committee protocol and rules were explained.] I will now turn the meeting over to our policy analyst, Ms. Thornton, who will take us through the work session.

**Senate Bill 125 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the restoration of certain civil rights for ex-felons. (BDR 14-20)**

**Diane C. Thornton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Our first bill on work session for the Assembly Committee on Corrections, Parole, and Probation is Senate Bill 125 (1st Reprint) which revises provisions governing the restoration of certain civil rights for ex-felons ([Exhibit C](#)). It was sponsored by Senator Ford and Assemblyman Frierson, and was heard in Committee on May 4, 2017. The bill provides that a probationer's right to vote and right to serve as a juror in a civil or criminal action must be restored upon completion of one year of his or her probation if the person was not convicted of certain serious offenses. Similarly, a parolee's right to vote and right to serve as a juror must be restored upon completion of his or her term of parole if the term is less than one year, or upon completion of one year of parole if the person was not convicted of certain serious offenses. The bill also revises the waiting period for certain persons to petition a court for the sealing of their criminal records.

Senator Ford has proposed an amendment removing the jury service provisions from the bill. There is a mock-up that is provided separately for the Committee's review ([Exhibit D](#)).

**Chairman Ohrenschall:**

That mock-up is on the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System. The gist of that mock-up is that the restoration of rights to serve as a juror in a civil or criminal action is deleted from the bill, and we are joined by Majority Leader Ford today. I will accept a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS SENATE BILL 125 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN HANSEN, TOLLES, AND WHEELER VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYMAN PICKARD WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Miller.

**Senate Bill 140 (2nd Reprint): Authorizes the residential confinement or other appropriate supervision of certain older offenders. (BDR 16-798)**

**Diane C. Thornton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Senate Bill 140 (2nd Reprint) authorizes the residential confinement or other appropriate supervision of certain older offenders ([Exhibit E](#)). Senate Bill 140 (2nd Reprint) authorizes the Director of the Department of Corrections to assign certain offenders to the custody of the Division of Parole and Probation to serve a term of residential confinement, or other appropriate supervision, for the remainder of the offender's sentence. To qualify for such an assignment an offender must be at least 65 years of age and must have served at least a majority of the maximum term or maximum aggregate term of his or her sentence. An offender is not eligible for this assignment if the offender has been sentenced to death, to life without the possibility of parole, or has been convicted of any of the following offenses: a sexual offense, certain crimes against children, a violent offense, vehicular homicide, or driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol causing death or substantial bodily harm to another person. There are no amendments to this bill.

**Chairman Ohrenschall:**

Senator Hardy mentioned to us that this bill may only apply to a handful of inmates currently in the Department of Corrections. I would accept a motion at this time.

ASSEMBLYMAN WATKINS MOVED TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 140 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN KRASNER AND WHEELER VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYMAN PICKARD WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign that floor statement to Assemblyman Hansen.

**Senate Bill 268 (1st Reprint): Revises various provisions relating to corrections.  
(BDR 16-546)**

**Diane C. Thornton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Our final bill for work session today is Senate Bill 268 (1st Reprint), which revises various provisions relating to corrections. It was sponsored by the Senate Committee on Judiciary and was heard in Committee on May 2, 2017 ([Exhibit F](#)). This bill requires the Director of the Department of Corrections to verify the full legal name and age of a person being released from a prison prior to issuing the person a photo identification card. It similarly authorizes a sheriff or other applicable law enforcement authority to provide certain information and assistance relating to obtaining an identification card or driver's license to a person being released from a jail or detention facility. The bill provides that a prisoner may earn up to a five-day deduction, instead of the current five-day deduction, from his or her sentence for earning a general educational development (GED) certificate or equivalent thereof. A similar deduction is provided for the completion of various other programs, including the completion of a vocational education program in lieu of a GED, and an additional five-day deduction is available for those who perform with meritorious or exceptional achievement. The bill extends current driver's license fee waivers for persons released from prison within the last 90 days to persons released from county, city, or town jails within the same time period.

There are two amendments. The first was proposed by Chuck Callaway and Alex Ortiz. They proposed striking the juvenile language from the bill. The amendment is on the following pages. There is also a technical amendment deleting sections 5 and 8 of the bill, thereby removing references to issuing an identification card, as this part of the bill was previously amended out of the bill in the Senate.

**Chairman Ohrenschall:**

I was talking with our legal counsel, and the second proposed amendment is the technical amendment proposed by the Legal Division to clarify language that should have been deleted in the other house. I will now open it for a motion.

ASSEMBLYMAN WATKINS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
SENATE BILL 268 (1ST REPRINT) .

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

**Assemblyman Hansen:**

One thing came up. If someone who has been in our prison system is illegally in the country, would they be given some type of identification? I am confused how that would fit in with the bill. This may allow people who are illegally in the country to have a legal identification.

**Chairman Ohrenschall:**

Senator Segerblom was here presenting the bill during the hearing, but I do not see him now.

**Assemblyman Hansen:**

Can legal answer that? I am supporting the bill, but I want to make sure on that.

**Chairman Ohrenschall:**

Mr. Callaway is here, and I believe he can answer that.

**Chuck Callaway, Police Director, Office of Intergovernmental Services, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department:**

What we are trying to accomplish with the bill is for folks who are involved with Hope for Prisoners and people who have been sentenced to the Clark County Detention Center that are involved with the vocational training to get back into the workforce and reduce recidivism. The intent of the bill is not to help someone who is an illegal immigrant or is in the country undocumented obtain any form of identification. In fact, as part of our process for helping these folks get their identification through the Department of Motor Vehicles, we help them obtain a birth certificate. The intent would be to help United States citizens and not undocumented folks.

**Assemblyman Hansen:**

I am in favor of the bill, but I wanted to get that on record to make sure we are straight on it.

**Chairman Ohrenschall:**

Are there any other questions or comments? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN KRASNER AND WHEELER  
VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYMAN PICKARD WAS ABSENT FOR THE  
VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Yeager.

That concludes our work session. We will have another work session on Thursday. We will have more bills to work with. Stay tuned because we will be having a meeting of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary in a little bit. This meeting is adjourned [at 8:18 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Karyn Werner  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblyman James Ohrenschall, Chairman

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for Senate Bill 125 (1st Reprint), dated May 8, 2017, presented by Diane C. Thornton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is a proposed amendment, dated May 9, 2017, to Senate Bill 125 (1st Reprint) presented by Diane C. Thornton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit E](#) is the Work Session Document for Senate Bill 140 (2nd Reprint), dated May 8, 2017, presented by Diane C. Thornton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit F](#) is the Work Session Document for Senate Bill 268 (1st Reprint), dated May 8, 2017, presented by Diane C. Thornton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.