

YOUTH PAROLE AUTHORITY AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Joseph L. Hull

AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES; EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE YOUTH PAROLE AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE TEMPORARY MEMBERS; AND MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

62A-7-109, as last amended by Chapter 243, Laws of Utah 1996

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **62A-7-109** is amended to read:

62A-7-109. Youth Parole Authority -- Expenses -- Responsibilities -- Procedures.

(1) There is created within the division a Youth Parole Authority.

(2) The authority is composed of ten part-time members and five pro tempore members who are residents of this state. No more than three pro tempore members may serve on the authority at any one time. Throughout this section, the term "member" shall refer to both part-time and pro tempore members of the Youth Parole Authority.

(3) (a) Except as required by Subsection (b), [the] members shall be appointed to four-year terms by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (a), the governor shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of authority members are staggered so that approximately half of the authority is appointed every two years.

(4) Each member shall have training or experience in social work, law, juvenile or criminal justice, or related behavioral sciences.

(5) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

(6) During the tenure of his appointment, a member may not:

(a) be an employee of the department, other than in his capacity as a member of the

authority;

(b) hold any public office;

(c) hold any position in the state's juvenile justice system; or

(d) be an employee, officer, advisor, policy board member, or subcontractor of any juvenile justice agency or its contractor.

(7) In extraordinary circumstances or when a regular board member is absent or otherwise unavailable, the chair may assign a pro tempore member to act in their place.

~~[(7)]~~ (8) (a) Members shall receive no compensation or benefits for their services, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(b) Members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.

~~[(8)]~~ (9) The authority shall determine appropriate parole dates for youth offenders, based on guidelines established by the board. The board shall review and update policy guidelines annually.

~~[(9)]~~ (10) Youth offenders may be paroled to their own homes, to a residential community-based program, to a nonresidential community-based treatment program, to an approved independent living setting, or to other appropriate residences, but shall remain on parole until parole is terminated by the authority.

~~[(10)]~~ (11) The division's case management staff shall implement parole release plans and shall supervise youth offenders while on parole.

~~[(11)]~~ (12) The division shall permit the authority to have reasonable access to youth offenders in secure facilities and shall furnish all pertinent data requested by the authority in matters of parole, revocation, and termination.