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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Parole Commission
3 membership; amending s. 947.01, F.S.; deleting
4 an obsolete provision; amending s. 947.02,
5 F.S.; requiring the commission's membership to
6 reflect at all times the diversity of the
7 population of this state; amending s. 947.13,
8 F.S.; requiring the Parole Commission to assume
9 the role of a transition authority to
10 coordinate a seamless planning process and a
11 continuum of services from custody to the
12 community in order to facilitate the successful
13 reentry of persons leaving departmental
14 custody; requiring the commission to develop
15 policies and interagency agreements that define
16 the roles of state agencies in the transition
17 process and coordinate the work of reentry at
18 the community level; repealing s. 947.022,
19 F.S., which provided for the expiration of the
20 terms of the members of the commission as of
21 June 30, 1996, and the staggering of the
22 initial terms of the members appointed to
23 replace them; providing an effective date.

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25 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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27 Section 1. Section 947.01, Florida Statutes, is
28 amended to read:

29 947.01 Parole Commission; creation; number of
30 members.--A Parole Commission is created to consist of five
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1 ~~six~~ members who are residents of the state. ~~Effective July 1,~~
2 ~~1996, the membership of the commission shall be three members.~~

3 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 947.02, Florida
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 947.02 Parole Commission; members, appointment.--

6 (1) Except as provided in s. 947.021, the members of
7 the Parole Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and
8 Cabinet from a list of eligible applicants submitted by a
9 parole qualifications committee. The appointments of members
10 of the commission shall be certified to the Senate by the
11 Governor and Cabinet for confirmation, and the membership of
12 the commission shall at all times reflect the diversity of the
13 population of the state correctional system and include
14 representation from minority persons as defined in s. 288.703.

15 Section 3. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (1) of
16 section 947.13, Florida Statutes, to read:

17 947.13 Powers and duties of commission.--

18 (1) The commission shall have the powers and perform
19 the duties of:

20 (i) Assuming the role of a transition authority by
21 coordinating a seamless planning process and a continuum of
22 services from department custody to the community for the
23 purpose of facilitating the successful reentry of persons
24 leaving departmental custody. The commission shall develop
25 policies and interagency agreements that define the roles of
26 state agencies in the transition process and coordinate the
27 work of reentry at the community level.

28 Section 4. Section 947.022, Florida Statutes, is
29 repealed.

30 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the membership of the Parole Commission to reflect at all times the diversity of the population of the state correctional system. Requires the commission to assume the role of a transition authority to coordinate a seamless planning process and a continuum of services from custody to the community in order to facilitate the successful reentry of persons leaving departmental custody. Requires the commission to develop policies and interagency agreements that define the roles of state agencies in the transition process.