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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to the Parole Commission; amending s.  
 3       947.01, F.S.; deleting an obsolete provision; revising the  
 4       number of commission members; amending s. 947.02, F.S.;  
 5       requiring the commission's membership to reflect at all  
 6       times the diversity of the population of this state;  
 7       amending s. 947.13, F.S.; requiring the commission to  
 8       provide transition assistance to eligible offenders;  
 9       providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Section 947.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 14 read:

15           947.01 Parole Commission; creation; number of members.--A  
 16 Parole Commission is created to consist of five ~~six~~ members who  
 17 are residents of the state. ~~Effective July 1, 1996, the~~  
 18 ~~membership of the commission shall be three members.~~

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

21           947.02 Parole Commission; members, appointment.--

22           (1) Except as provided in s. 947.021, the members of the  
 23 Parole Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and Cabinet  
 24 from a list of eligible applicants submitted by a parole  
 25 qualifications committee. The appointments of members of the  
 26 commission shall be certified to the Senate by the Governor and  
 27 Cabinet for confirmation, and the membership of the commission  
 28 shall at all times reflect the diversity of the population of

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29 ~~this state include representation from minority persons as~~  
30 ~~defined in s. 288.703.~~

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

33 947.13 Powers and duties of commission.--

34 (1) The commission shall have the powers and perform the  
35 duties of:

36 (i) Providing transition assistance to eligible offenders  
37 under the commission's purview within appropriated funds in  
38 order to support the goals of reducing recidivism and promoting  
39 successful reentry of offenders into society.

40 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.