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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Directs Office of the Public Defender to provide representation at parole revocation proceedings.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2023)

1 AN ACT concerning representation by the Office of the Public
2 Defender at parole revocation proceedings and supplementing
3 chapter 158A of Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. There is hereby established, within the Office of the Public
9 Defender, a unit which shall provide for the legal representation of
10 any person on parole from a correctional institution of this State or
11 otherwise under the parole supervision of this State who is charged
12 with violation of that parole or who is under consideration for
13 revocation of parole.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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18 STATEMENT

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20 This bill establishes a unit within the Office of the Public
21 Defender (the OPD) responsible to provide legal representation of
22 any person on parole from a correctional institution of this State or
23 otherwise under the parole supervision of this State who is charged
24 with violation of that parole or who is under consideration for
25 revocation of parole.

26 This legislation complies with Recommendation “E” from the
27 March 2023 Criminal Sentencing and Disposition Commission
28 report which proposed the end of reliance on court-appointed
29 attorneys for parole violation cases and the restoration of that
30 service through the OPD.