

### Proposed Parole Board Reforms

- Require all members of board to undergo **annual** training/continuing education in criminal justice policy, parole system' victim rights, reentry strategies, risk assessment and mental health issues.
- Require Parole Board to notify victims of hearing and their rights to testify or submit written statement, not just registered victims. Contact victims registered with Corrections as well as OVA. – Maybe share information in databases at both DOC and OVA.
- Provide that at least two victims are registered with Board.
- Require proper notice to States Attorney of parole hearing
  
- Require that at start of each hearing, it shall be read into the record what records and documents have been looked at and considered in the hearing by the Board
  
- Require representative of the victim's advocate to read into record what notices were sent prior to the hearing, what steps were taken to identify and contact victims or family, and what responses were received as well as what public correspondence was received regarding the hearing.
  
- Require that three member panels hearing parole for convicted murderers may only be made up of the five most senior members of the Board.
  
- Require that hearings for convicted violent offenders may not proceed unless the entire file is on hand for review, including corrections file, trial record, sentencing file, and past Parole hearings file, and Board hearing case certifies that all documents were read in preparation for hearing.
  
- Require that any request by the states' attorney or public defenders' office for records shall not require freedom of information formalities.
  
- Require that person conducting administrative review of any parole file must sign off on that review and any recommendations.