

DIVISION OF PAROLE

MISSION

The Division of Parole, which consists of the Board of Parole and Division staff, is responsible for preparing eligible offenders to be released from prison, allowing for their release and setting the conditions of release, supervising those offenders in the community, and providing parolees with assistance to help them successfully reintegrate into society.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The 19 members of the Board of Parole are appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate, for six-year terms. One member is designated by the Governor to serve as the Board's Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Division. Board members review the cases of offenders eligible for parole release and determine if and under what conditions the offender should be released to parole supervision.

Parole Operations staff are located across the State in 38 community-based field supervision offices and 70 correctional institutions. The Division's administrative staff and executive team are located at its central office in Albany.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$194.2 million All Funds** (\$183.6 million General Funds; \$9.3 million Internal Services Funds; \$1.3 million Other Funds) for the Division of Parole. This is a **\$40 million** decrease over the prior year which primarily reflects the elimination of the subsidy to local governments for costs in detaining parole violators in local jails. Also, the Division will no longer fund treatment contracts in order to focus its resources on its core mission. It is expected that parolees who were receiving services through these contracted slots will continue treatment in the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services' provider network.

The Executive Budget recommends a staffing level of **2,111 FTEs** for the Division of Parole, a **decrease of 24** from the 2008-09 Budget. This primarily reflects the decrease in court-mandated strict and intensive supervision of sex offender cases and decreased workload resulting from post release supervision litigation. Major budget actions include:

- **Parolee Population Decrease.** Approximately 3,000 parolees pending post release supervision litigation will have the supervision term removed from their sentences. Also, the court-mandated sex offender population projection has been updated to reflect the actual population of approximately 100 parolees. Savings are estimated at \$2.9 million.
- **Community Supervision Restructuring.** A risk assessment tool will be used to identify low risk parolees who can be placed under a less intensive supervision program. The Division of Parole will also restructure the level of supervision of certain parolees who have attended the Willard Drug Treatment Campus or participated in Shock Incarceration. Savings are estimated at \$3.6 million.
- **Operational Efficiencies.** Conserving resources and materials, making better use of video conferencing equipment, and purchasing equipment only for critical health and safety needs will lower spending by \$2.2 million.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The State's parole system involves three major activities: preparing inmates for re-entry into the community; assisting the Board in making release determinations and setting conditions; and supervising parolees released from prison while supporting their successful reintegration into the community.

Institutional Parole staff, assigned to correctional facilities, assist the Board by preparing an assessment of an inmate's readiness for release based on his or her case history. Facility Parole Officers assess an inmate's rehabilitation progress, family background and community connections, as well as housing and employment prospects for the Board's consideration. Working in cooperation with Field Parole Officers, Facility Parole Officers attempt to obtain housing, employment and other services for inmates that are to be released into the community.

Immediately upon being released from prison, parolees are assigned to a Field Parole Officer. Field Parole Officers supervise parolees by monitoring behavior, reviewing employment, evaluating treatment progress and administering drug tests. In addition to closely monitoring offenders in the community, the Division helps parolees avoid reverting to a life of crime by contracting for various services to support their return to society, such as supportive housing and employment training.

Intensive supervision is provided for sex offenders, certain violent felony offenders, offenders with severe mental health conditions, and for certain parolees who graduate from Shock Incarceration or Willard Drug Treatment Campus. The Division continues its efforts to ensure that sex offenders under parole supervision are strictly monitored and kept away from the most vulnerable members of the community. In addition to an intensive level of parole officer supervision, electronic monitoring and polygraphs are used to track these offenders and deter their predatory behavior.

As part of the effort to reduce recidivism through a focus on community re-entry, the Division of Parole will continue its cooperative efforts with the Department of Correctional Services to expand re-entry programs. The goal is to create a more seamless system for assessing the needs of offenders, ensuring access to services, maintaining accurate records of offender information, and addressing other factors essential to successful community re-entry.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2008-09	Appropriations Recommended 2009-10	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2009-10
State Operations	185,569,000	178,392,000	(7,177,000)	0
Aid To Localities	49,243,218	15,830,000	(33,413,218)	3,208,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	234,812,218	194,222,000	(40,590,218)	3,208,000

**ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2008-09 Estimated FTEs 03/31/09	2009-10 Estimated FTEs 03/31/10	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	112	102	(10)
Parole Operations			
General Fund	2,023	2,009	(14)
Total	<u>2,135</u>	<u>2,111</u>	<u>(24)</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change
General Fund	184,244,000	177,067,000	(7,177,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	500,000	500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	825,000	825,000	0
Total	<u>185,569,000</u>	<u>178,392,000</u>	<u>(7,177,000)</u>

Adjustments:

Transfer(s) From	
Special Pay Bill	
General Fund	<u>(10,328,000)</u>
Appropriated 2008-09	<u>175,241,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Program	Available 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change
Administration			
General Fund	9,392,000	8,222,000	(1,170,000)
Parole Operations			
General Fund	174,852,000	168,845,000	(6,007,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	500,000	500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	825,000	825,000	0
Total	<u>185,569,000</u>	<u>178,392,000</u>	<u>(7,177,000)</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2009-10 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	7,012,000	(625,000)	6,980,000	(633,000)
Parole Operations	131,617,000	(1,921,000)	125,975,000	(2,469,000)
Total	<u>138,629,000</u>	<u>(2,546,000)</u>	<u>132,955,000</u>	<u>(3,102,000)</u>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	4,000	0	28,000	8,000
Parole Operations	98,000	0	5,544,000	548,000
Total	<u>102,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,572,000</u>	<u>556,000</u>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2009-10 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,210,000	(545,000)	8,000	(40,000)
Parole Operations	37,228,000	(4,086,000)	1,166,000	(153,000)
Total	38,438,000	(4,631,000)	1,174,000	(193,000)

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	325,000	(38,000)	838,000	(467,000)
Parole Operations	3,518,000	(1,024,000)	30,322,000	(1,739,000)
Total	3,843,000	(1,062,000)	31,160,000	(2,206,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	39,000	0
Parole Operations	2,222,000	(1,170,000)
Total	2,261,000	(1,170,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2009-10 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Parole Operations	1,325,000	0	825,000	0
Total	1,325,000	0	825,000	0

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Parole Operations	500,000	0
Total	500,000	0

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change
General Fund	39,993,218	6,580,000	(33,413,218)
Internal Service Funds	9,250,000	9,250,000	0
Total	49,243,218	15,830,000	(33,413,218)

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ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

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General Fund	39,993,218	6,580,000	(33,413,218)
Internal Service Funds	9,250,000	9,250,000	0
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