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**SENATE BILL 19-165**

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**Rodriguez,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**Senate Committees**  
Judiciary

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF PAROLE.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Under existing law, the state parole board (board) is comprised of 7 members. Two members have experience in law enforcement, and one has experience in offender management. The remaining 4 members must have experience in a relevant field. The bill increases the board's membership to 9 members. The 2 additional members must have experience in a relevant field.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-2-201, **amend**  
3 (1)(a); and **add** (1)(c.2) as follows:

4 **17-2-201. State board of parole - duties - definitions.**

5 (1) (a) There is hereby created a state board of parole, referred to in this  
6 part 2 as the "board", which ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of ~~seven~~ NINE  
7 members. The members of the board ~~shall be~~ ARE appointed by the  
8 governor and confirmed by the senate, and they shall devote their full  
9 time to their duties as members of the board. The members ~~shall be~~ ARE  
10 appointed for three-year terms and may serve consecutive terms. The  
11 governor may remove a board member for incompetency, neglect of duty,  
12 malfeasance in office, continued failure to use the risk assessment  
13 guidelines as required by section 17-22.5-404, or failure to regularly  
14 attend meetings as determined by the governor. Final conviction of a  
15 felony during the term of office of a board member ~~shall~~ automatically  
16 ~~result in the disqualification of~~ DISQUALIFIES the member from further  
17 service on the board. The board ~~shall be~~ IS composed of representatives  
18 from multidisciplinary areas of expertise. Two members ~~shall~~ MUST have  
19 experience in law enforcement, and one member ~~shall~~ MUST have  
20 experience in offender supervision, including parole, probation, or  
21 community corrections. ~~Four~~ SIX members ~~shall~~ MUST have experience  
22 in other relevant fields. Each member of the board ~~shall~~ MUST have a  
23 minimum of five years of experience in a relevant field and knowledge  
24 of parole laws and guidelines, rehabilitation, correctional administration,  
25 the functioning of the criminal justice system, issues associated with  
26 victims of crime, the duties of ~~parole~~ board members, and actuarial risk  
27 assessment instruments and other offender assessment instruments used

1 by the board and the department of corrections. A person who has been  
2 convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or  
3 who has any financial interests ~~which~~ THAT conflict with the duties of a  
4 member of the ~~parole board shall not be eligible~~ IS INELIGIBLE for  
5 appointment.

6 (c.2) THE PAROLE BOARD IN EXISTENCE PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2019, IS  
7 EXPANDED TO NINE MEMBERS ON JULY 1, 2019. THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
8 APPOINT ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE BOARD FOR A TERM OF TWO  
9 YEARS, TO EXPIRE ON JULY 30, 2021. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT ONE  
10 ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, TO  
11 EXPIRE ON JULY 30, 2022. THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT  
12 EACH SUCH MEMBER FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS.

13 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.