

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES
PAROLE BOARD
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NOVEMBER 2, 1984.

The Honorable Michael J. Connolly, *Secretary of State*,
State House, Boston, MA 02133.

Dear Secretary Connolly:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of Chapter 30 of the General Laws, as amended, recommendations for legislation are submitted herewith, together with drafts of bills embodying the legislation recommended, the form thereof has been approved by the Counsel for the House of Representatives.

Very truly yours,

JOHN J. CURRAN, JR.,
Chairman
Massachusetts Parole Board

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

PAROLE BOARD LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1985

1. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INDEMNIFICATION OF PAROLE OFFICERS FOR ACTIONS OCCURRING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

This act would provide indemnification to parole officers during the performance of their official duties. Parole Officers are sworn special state police officers. The recommended legislation would amend Chapter 354 of the Acts of 1982 and provide parole officers similar indemnification coverage as is provided the state parole and metropolitan district police.

2. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE PAROLE BOARD IN THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT.

This act would include the parole board in the Administrative Procedures Act, thereby allowing for formalized public discussion and review on new parole board police.

3. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO ASSIST THE PAROLE BOARD.

This act would allow for the temporary appointment of retired employees to the Parole Board.

4. AN ACT RELEVANT TO THE REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE.

This act would make it mandatory that parole officers, along with other law enforcement personnel, report child abuse.