

SENATE BILL NO. 2147

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact six new sections to chapter 12-65 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the supervision of adult offenders; to amend and reenact subsection 3
3 of section 12-47-36, subsection 4 of article 2 and subsection 2 of article 3 of section 12-65-01,
4 and subsection 1 of section 54-57-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to records of
5 persons in the custody of or under the supervision and management of the department of
6 corrections and rehabilitation, hearings before administrative law judges, and supervision of
7 adult offenders; to repeal chapters 12-56 and 12-56.1 of the North Dakota Century Code and
8 section 2 of chapter 141 of the 2001 Session Laws, relating to out-of-state parolee supervision,
9 hearings for interstate parolees and probationers, and elimination of the expiration date of laws
10 relating to the interstate compact for adult offender supervision; and to provide a penalty.

11 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

12 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 12-47-36 of the North Dakota
13 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 14 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law relating to privilege or confidentiality,
15 except for the confidentiality requirements of federal drug and alcohol treatment
16 and rehabilitation laws, the following persons, organizations, or agencies without
17 prior application to the court may inspect case history, medical, psychological, or
18 treatment records:
- 19 a. The governor;
 - 20 b. The pardon advisory board, if the governor has appointed a pardon advisory
21 board;
 - 22 c. The parole board;
 - 23 d. Any division, department, official, or employee of the department of
24 corrections and rehabilitation;

- 1 e. Another state receiving a parolee or probationer under the provisions of
2 chapter ~~12-56~~ or ~~12-56.4~~ 12-65;
- 3 f. A federal, state, regional, or county correctional facility receiving physical
4 custody of a person under the legal custody of the department of corrections
5 and rehabilitation;
- 6 g. The employees in the office of the attorney general and investigators,
7 consultants, or experts retained by the state;
- 8 h. The risk management division of the office of management and budget for the
9 purpose of investigating and defending actions or claims under chapter
10 32-12.2;
- 11 i. The district court of the county where the judgment of conviction was entered;
- 12 j. A state or federal court where a person in the custody or under the
13 supervision and management of the adult services division of the department
14 of corrections and rehabilitation has commenced litigation and the records are
15 relevant to the litigation;
- 16 k. A criminal justice agency as defined in section 44-04-18.7; or
- 17 l. The United States social security administration and veterans administration.

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of article 2 of section 12-65-01 of the North
19 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 20 4. "Compact administrator" means the individual in each compacting state appointed
21 under the terms of this compact, or the individual's designee, responsible for the
22 administration and management of the state's supervision and transfer of offenders
23 subject to the terms of this compact, the rules adopted by the interstate
24 commission, and policies adopted by the state council under this compact.

25 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of article 3 of section 12-65-01 of the North
26 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 27 2. The interstate commission consists of commissioners selected and appointed by
28 each state. The governor shall appoint a commissioner and a deputy
29 commissioner. In addition to the commissioners who are the voting
30 representatives of each state, the interstate commission includes individuals who
31 are not commissioners but who are members of interested organizations. The

1 noncommissioner members include a member of the national organizations of
2 governors, legislators, state chief justices, attorneys general, and crime victims. All
3 noncommissioner members of the interstate commission are nonvoting members.
4 The interstate commission may provide in its bylaws for additional nonvoting
5 members as it deems necessary.

6 **SECTION 4.** Six new sections to chapter 12-65 of the North Dakota Century Code are
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Custody and detention of offender for violation of terms and conditions of**
9 **compact supervision - Hearing and waiver - Report to sending state.** Whenever it is
10 alleged that an offender has violated any terms and conditions of supervision under the
11 compact for the supervision of adult offenders, the compact administrator may issue a warrant
12 to take the offender into custody and detain the offender and request that the sending state
13 retake the offender. The offender may not be released on bail pending the probable cause
14 hearing under this chapter. The offender is entitled to a hearing to be held in accordance with
15 this chapter within a reasonable time after being taken into custody to determine whether there
16 is probable cause to find that the offender violated any of the terms and conditions of parole or
17 probation while under compact supervision. The offender may waive the hearing and admit
18 there is probable cause to find that the offender violated any of the terms and conditions of
19 parole or probation while under compact supervision. As soon as practical after the hearing or
20 waiver of the hearing, the compact administrator shall furnish a copy of the hearing record and
21 make a report to the sending state with findings of fact regarding the violations of the terms and
22 conditions of parole or probation while under compact supervision and shall make
23 recommendations regarding the disposition of the offender. If it appears to the compact
24 administrator that the sending state will retake the offender, the compact administrator may
25 detain the offender for a reasonable period after the hearing or waiver in order for the sending
26 state to arrange for retaking the offender.

27 **Waiver of extradition.** Authorized officers of a sending state may enter this state and
28 apprehend and retake any offender from the sending state who is present in this state pursuant
29 to the compact for the supervision of adult offenders. The sending state shall establish the
30 authority of the officers and the identity of the offender before the officers may retake the
31 offender back to the sending state. All legal requirements to obtain extradition of fugitives from

1 justice are hereby expressly waived. The decision of the sending state to retake an offender is
2 conclusive upon and not reviewable by this state. If the offender is alleged to have committed a
3 criminal offense within this state, or if there is any criminal charge pending against an offender
4 in this state, the sending state may not retake the offender from this state until the offender has
5 been discharged from prosecution or released from imprisonment for the criminal offense
6 without the permission of the state's attorney in the county in which the criminal offense is
7 alleged to have occurred.

8 **Who may hold a hearing.** A hearing pursuant to this chapter must be before a hearing
9 officer designated by the compact administrator. The hearing may not be conducted by a
10 person directly involved in the supervision of the offender or by the person bringing the
11 allegation of a probation or parole violation.

12 **Conduct of hearing.** The offender is entitled to:

- 13 1. Notice in writing of the nature and content of the allegations against the offender
14 and that the purpose of the hearing is to determine whether there is probable
15 cause to believe that the offender has violated any terms and conditions of
16 compact supervision that may result in the sending state retaking the offender and
17 may result in revocation of parole or probation in the sending state.
- 18 2. Opportunity to be heard in person and present witnesses and evidence.
- 19 3. The opportunity to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, unless the
20 hearing officer determines that confrontation may present a risk of harm to a
21 witness.
- 22 4. Written findings of fact and an explanation of the decision.

23 **Force and effect of hearings in other states.** In a case of alleged parole or probation
24 violation by an offender being supervised in another state pursuant to the interstate compact for
25 the supervision of adult offenders, any appropriate judicial or administrative officer or agency in
26 another state is authorized to hold a hearing on the alleged violation. Upon receipt of the
27 record of a parole or probation violation hearing held in another state pursuant to a statute
28 substantially similar to this chapter, the record has the same standing and effect as though the
29 proceeding of which it is a record was had before the appropriate officer or officers in this state,
30 and any recommendations contained in or accompanying the record must be fully considered
31 by the appropriate officer or officers of this state in making disposition of the matter.

1 **Violation of compact - Penalty.** An offender who is on parole or probation in another
2 state, who is present in this state without the permission of the compact administrator, and who
3 does not leave this state within seven days after being notified in writing by a law enforcement
4 officer that the offender may not remain in this state without the permission of the compact
5 administrator is guilty of a class C felony. Within twenty-four hours after a law enforcement
6 officer has notified an offender that the offender may not remain within the state without the
7 permission of the compact administrator, the law enforcement officer shall report the notification
8 to the designated officer. An offender who is on parole or probation in another state may not
9 remain in this state without the permission of the compact administrator. In a prosecution for an
10 offense under this section, an offender's good-faith belief that the offender received permission
11 to be present in this state is an affirmative defense if the offender acted in reasonable reliance
12 upon the written statements of an authorized officer of this state or the state in which the
13 offender is on parole or probation. This defense is not available to a person who remains
14 present in this state after being notified in writing by the compact administrator that the offender
15 does not have permission to be present.

16 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-57-03 of the North Dakota
17 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18 1. Notwithstanding the authority granted in chapter 28-32 allowing agency heads or
19 other persons to preside in an administrative proceeding, all adjudicative
20 proceedings of administrative agencies under chapter 28-32, except those of the
21 public service commission, the industrial commission, the insurance commissioner,
22 the workers compensation bureau, the state engineer, the department of
23 transportation, job service North Dakota, and the labor commissioner, must be
24 conducted by the office of administrative hearings in accordance with the
25 adjudicative proceedings provisions of chapter 28-32 and any rules adopted
26 pursuant to chapter 28-32. But, appeals hearings pursuant to section 61-03-22
27 and drainage appeals from water resource boards to the state engineer pursuant to
28 chapter 61-32 must be conducted by the office of administrative hearings.
29 Additionally, hearings of the department of corrections and rehabilitation for the
30 parole board in accordance with ~~chapters 12-56.1 and chapter~~ chapter 12-59, regarding
31 parole violations; job discipline and dismissal appeals to the board of higher

1 education; Individuals With Disabilities Education Act and section 504 due process
2 hearings of the superintendent of public instruction; and chapter 37-19.1 veterans'
3 preferences hearings for any agency must be conducted by the office of
4 administrative hearings in accordance with applicable laws.

5 **SECTION 6. REPEAL.** Chapters 12-56 and 12-56.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
6 and section 2 of chapter 141 of the 2001 Session Laws are repealed.