

111.

It shall be the duty of the Board in carrying out its powers authorized herein

(1) In determining whether a prisoner is suitable for release on parole:

(I) To consider the circumstances surrounding the crime, and the physical, mental and moral qualifications of persons who become eligible for parole;

(II) To determine whether there is reasonable probability that the prisoner, if released on parole, will remain at liberty without violating the laws, and whether the release of the prisoner on parole is compatible with the welfare of society;

(2) To evaluate information on the activities of parolees as reported by the [Department] DIVISION of Parole and Probation and to issue warrants, or to delegate the issuance of warrants to the Director of the [Department] DIVISION, for the retaking of parolees who are reported to have violated the conditions of parole or who have committed a new offense against the law;

(3) To make recommendations to the Governor concerning persons whose applications for pardon or commutation of sentence or clemency have been investigated and reported to the Board by the [Department] DIVISION of Parole and Probation;

(4) To establish and modify from time to time general policy governing the conduct of parolees.

(5) To arrange, in its discretion, psychiatric or psychological examinations of applicants for parole, when it feels such examination will better enable it to decide on the advisability of parole. The expense for such examination shall be included in the Board's annual budget.

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The Board shall appoint such staff as may be necessary to perform its duties, and the activities of said staff shall not be duplicate or conflict with the functions and services of the [Department] DIVISION of Parole and Probation. Such staff shall be subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, title "Merit System."

121.

The members of the Board and all of the duly qualified parole agents of the [Department] DIVISION shall have and are hereby given visitatorial powers over all institutions in which any person may be confined upon a criminal charge, whether such institution be a State, county, or city institution; and the said members of said Board shall have power to summon any witness including any prisoner confined in any State, county, or city institution, before them, and to administer oaths or affirmations to such witness wherever, in the judgment of the said members of said Board, it may be necessary for the effectual discharge of their duties under this subtitle. Any person failing to appear before said members of said Board at the time and place specified, in answer to said summons, personally served upon said witness, or refusing to testify, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, which fine shall revert to the general fund of the State; false swearing on the part of any witness testifying before said members of said Board on a matter material to inquiry shall be deemed perjury.