

(e) (1) In cases where a defendant is sentenced to the Division of Correction, if the sentencing judge makes a written request, at the time of sentencing, for notification, the Commission, at least 90 days before the parole release hearing, shall notify the sentencing judge in writing that a parole release hearing is scheduled for the inmate.

(2) The Commission shall make any recommendation made by the sentencing judge at the time of sentencing available for the inmate's review under § 4-505 of this subtitle.

(3) If the sentencing judge has made a written request for notification under this subsection, the Commission shall promptly notify the sentencing judge of the Commission's final decision regarding parole for the inmate.

(f) (1) Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Commission shall adopt regulations governing the policies and activities of the Commission under this subtitle.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10-101(e)(2)(i) of the State Government Article, the regulations described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall comply with Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article (Administrative Procedure Act - Regulations).

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Each hearing examiner and Commission member determining if an inmate is suitable for release on parole shall consider:

- (1) The circumstances surrounding the crime;
- (2) The physical, mental, and moral qualification of the inmate eligible for parole;
- (3) The progress of the inmate during his confinement, including the academic progress of the inmate in the mandatory education program required in § 22-102 of the Education Article;
- (4) Whether or not there is reasonable probability that the inmate, if released on parole, will remain at liberty without violating the law;
- (5) Whether or not release on parole of the inmate is compatible with the welfare of society;
- (6) An updated victim impact statement or recommendation prepared under § 4-504(d) of this subtitle; [and]
- (7) Any recommendation made by the sentencing judge at the time of sentencing; AND
- (8) ANY INFORMATION THAT IS PRESENTED TO A COMMISSION MEMBER AT A MEETING WITH THE VICTIM.