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Ohio Revised Code

Section 5149.07 Maintenance of files and records.

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The department of rehabilitation and correction shall maintain central files and records pertaining to the work of the adult parole authority, and shall coordinate the department's record-keeping with that of the adult parole authority. Additionally, the department shall not later than the first Monday of January of odd-numbered years prepare and submit to the governor for the governor's approval and signature a written report showing each case of pardon, commutation, or reprieve granted during the preceding biennium, stating the name and crime of the convict or prisoner, the sentence, its date, and the date of the clemency action, together with the reasons listed therefor in the governor's clemency record. The report shall conform to the requirements of Section 11 of Article III, Ohio Constitution.

The department shall conduct research relative to the functioning of clemency, probation, and parole as part of the adult corrections program in this state, which research shall be designed to yield information upon which the division of parole and community services, the department of rehabilitation and correction, the governor, and the general assembly can base policy decisions.

At the end of each quarter, the department shall submit to the chairpersons of the committees of the senate and the house of representatives that consider criminal justice legislation a report on the number and results of parole hearings conducted during the quarter and a list of persons incarcerated for committing offenses of violence who were granted parole and a summary of the terms and conditions of their parole. The department shall provide the committees with any documentation related to the reports that members of the committees may request.

Upon request, the department shall provide a detailed statement, supported by documentation, of the reasons why a particular prisoner was granted parole to the law enforcement agency that arrested the prisoner, the prosecuting attorney who prosecuted the case, or any person who is a member of the general assembly at the time the person makes the request.