



STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS/VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD

**JOINT POLICY NUMBER: 1-1**

SUBJECT: Graduated Release from Confinement

DATE: June 1, 2013

- 1-1.1 **POLICY** It is the policy of the Board of Corrections and the Virginia Parole Board that a structured and graduated transition shall be provided for offenders returning to the community. The overriding consideration concerning such a program must be safety for the public, while providing a continuum of services and resources that begin in the correctional facility and end in the community.

The graduated release program must be flexible enough to meet individual needs appropriate to all security levels and may include life skills development, pre-release planning, work release, residential centers, and community follow-up/aftercare. A combination of these and/or any additional elements as needed in individual cases may be used as conditions permit.

The Board of Corrections and the Parole Board may prescribe regulations to implement this policy.

- 1-1.2 **AUTHORITY** Code of Virginia, Sections

[53.1-5](#), Powers and duties of Board (Corrections)

[53.1-136](#), Powers and duties of Board (Parole)

- 1-1.3 **REFERENCES** Code of Virginia, Sections

[19.2-316.3](#), Eligibility for participation in diversion center incarceration program; evaluation; sentencing; withdrawal or removal from program; payment for cost.

[53.1-32](#), Treatment and control of prisoners; recreation; religious services

[53.1-37](#), Furloughs generally; travel expenses; penalties for violations

[53.1-41](#), Opportunities for work and vocational training

[53.1-59](#), Prisoners performing work for localities, state agencies or nonprofit civic organizations; payment of costs; foremen as guards

[53.1-60](#), Extending limits of confinement of state prisoners for work and educational programs; disposition of wages; support of certain dependents; penalties for violations.

[53.1-128](#), Work forces.

[53.1-129](#), Order permitting prisoners to work on state, county or city property; bond of person in charge of prisoners.

[53.1-131](#), Provision for release of prisoner from confinement for employment, educational or other rehabilitative programs; escape; penalty; disposition of earnings.

[53.1-131.2](#), Assignment to a home/electronic incarceration program; payment to defray costs; escape; penalty

[53.1-132](#), Furloughs from local work release programs; penalty for violations

[53.1-137](#), Revocation hearings and subpoenas; penalty for disobeying subpoena or hindering hearing

[53.1-138](#), Access to prisoners; reports of prison officials

[53.1-150.1](#), Contribution by persons on parole

[53.1-177](#), Authority of Director; establishment of halfway houses; employment of personnel

[53.1-179](#), Purchase of services authorized

Board of Corrections Policy 30-8, Community Facilities for Parolees and Probationers

- 1-1.4 IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES  
6 VAC 15-70-10 et seq., Standards for Community Residential Programs  
6 VAC 15-40-10 et seq., Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups  
Operating Procedure 830.5, Transfers, Facility Reassignments  
Operating Procedure 820.2, Reentry Planning  
Operating Procedure 841.1, Offender Program Services  
Operating Procedure 851.1, Visiting Privileges  
Virginia Parole Board, Parole Guidelines

1-1.5 EFFECTIVE DATE June 1, 2013

1-1.6 SUPERSESSON This policy supersedes Joint Policy 1-1, dated July 16, 2003.

1-1.7 REVIEW DATE This policy must be reviewed and updated as necessary.

*Adopted by the Board of Corrections and the Virginia Parole Board.*

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William W. Muse  
Chairman  
Virginia Parole Board

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Peter G. Decker, III  
Chairman  
Board of Corrections

May 15, 2013

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