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**SB 197 – Maryland Correctional Training Commission – Membership
Judicial Proceedings
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POSITION: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

AFSCME Maryland Council 3 represents 45,000 state, county, and municipal employees, including around 700 parole and probation employees who work in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The Correctional Training Commission oversees the training of personnel in the Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) and establishes standards for Parole and Probation Agents, Drinking Driving Monitors, and Home Detention Officers. The addition of the Director of the Division of Parole and Probation makes perfect sense.

At the same time, we believe that employees of the Division of Parole and Probation also deserve representation on this commission. To ensure parity, we propose an amendment that would provide a seat for a parole and probation employee recommended by the exclusive bargaining representative, similar to the one currently held by the correctional officers from the correctional institutions.

AFSCME Amendment to SB 197:

Pg. 2, line 17 add:

(14) One parole and probation employee of the State recommended by the exclusive representative for Parole and Probation employees, as specified and appointed by the Governor.

With this amendment, we believe this bill effectively integrates the training needs of the Division of Parole and Probation into the broader mission of the department. We strongly urge the committee to issue a favorable report on SB 197, with the proposed amendment. Thank you.