

**§ 6131. General powers of board**

**(a) General rule.**--The board shall have the power and its duty shall be:

- (1) To supervise and make presentence investigations and reports as provided by law.
- (2) To collect and maintain copies of all presentence investigations and reports.
- (3) To collect and maintain a record of all persons who are placed on probation and parole.
- (4) To collect, compile and publish statistical and other information relating to probation and parole work in all courts and such other information the board may deem of value in probation service.
- (5) To establish, by regulation, uniform Statewide standards for:
  - (i) Presentence investigations.
  - (ii) The supervision of probationers.
  - (iii) The qualifications for probation personnel.
  - (iv) Minimum salaries.
  - (v) Quality of probation service.

The standards for the qualifications of probation personnel shall only apply to probation personnel appointed after the date the standards are established. Should any probation personnel appointed prior to the date the standards were established fail to meet the standards, the court having jurisdiction of such personnel may request the board to establish in-service training for them in accordance with the standards.

- (6) To adopt regulations establishing specific composition, functions and responsibilities for citizens advisory committees and to receive reports, recommendations or other input concerning parole policies and parole-related concerns from the committees on a regular basis.
- (7) To adopt regulations establishing criteria for board acceptance of cases for supervision and presentence investigations from counties that on December 31, 1985, maintained adult probation offices and parole systems.
- (8) To enter into contracts for purchasing community services to assist parolees and to supplement existing programs.
- (9) To pay the cost of preparole drug screening tests for inmates within the parole release jurisdiction of the board, who are confined in a State or local correctional facility, as required under section 6137 (relating to parole power).
- (10) To enter into contracts which provide for the continuous electronic monitoring of parolees.
- (11) To establish and provide for intensive supervision units and day reporting centers for the supervision of parolees.
- (12) To provide information as required under 42 Pa.C.S. § 2153(a)(14) (relating to powers and duties) as requested by the commission.
- (13) To incorporate evidence-based practices into parole decision making, supervision and the supervision of technical violators.
- (14) To coordinate the reentry of offenders into the community using evidence-based practices that are effective in reducing recidivism.
- (15) To conduct research to identify, to be informed of and to apply recognized evidence-based parole practices that promote public safety and reduce recidivism.
- (16) To conduct outcome and performance analyses on implemented board programs and practices to enhance public safety through reduced recidivism.

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**§ 2153. Powers and duties**

**(a) General rule.**--The commission, pursuant to rules and regulations, shall have the power to:

- (14) Establish a program to systematically monitor compliance with the guidelines, with recommitment ranges and with mandatory sentencing laws to document eligibility for and releases pursuant to a county reentry plan, to document eligibility for and imposition of recidivism risk reduction incentive minimum sentences and to document all parole and reparole decisions by the board and any other paroling authority by:
- (i) Promulgating forms which document the application of sentencing, resentencing and parole guidelines, mandatory sentencing laws, releases pursuant to a county reentry plan, recommitment ranges and recidivism risk reduction incentive minimum sentences and collecting information on all parole and reparole decisions by the board and any other paroling authority.
  - (ii) Requiring the timely completion and electronic submission of such forms to the commission.