

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB631**

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**Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 02, 2023**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill will change the makeup of the board of parole by adding non-partisan formerly incarcerated individuals and an individual with experience in restorative justice and re-entry. The board can not make decisions without the full board present and members of the board cannot miss more than 3 meetings per year. Finally, the board can not deny parole if NDCS does not offer or delays programming due to but not limited to staffing shortages, maintenance issues, and lack of funding.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Terrell McKinney**