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***POLICY AND PROCEDURE***

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**.0601 PRISON POPULATION MANAGEMENT**

- (a) Whenever the Secretary of **Department of Public Safety** determines from data compiled by the Department of **Public Safety** that it is necessary to reduce the prison population to a more manageable level or to meet the State's obligations under law, he shall direct the Post Release Supervision and Parole Commission to release on parole over a reasonable period of time a number of prisoners sufficient to that purpose.
- (b) From the time the Secretary directs the Post Release Supervision and Parole Commission until the prison population has been reduced to a more manageable level, the Secretary may not accept any **offenders** ordered transferred from local confinement facilities to the State Prison system under G. S. 148-32.1(b). Further, the Secretary may return any **offender** housed in the State Prison system under an order entered pursuant to G. S. 148-32.1(b) to the local confinement facility from which the inmate was transferred.
- (c) In order to meet the requirements of this section, the Parole Commission shall not parole any person convicted under Article 7A of Chapter 14 of a sex offense, under G. S. 14-39, 14-41, or 14-43.3, under G. S. 90-95(h) of a drug trafficking offense, or under G. S. 14-17, or any other violent felon as defined in subsection (a1) of G. S. 148-4.1. Except as provided in 148-4.1 (c), only **offenders** who are otherwise eligible for parole pursuant to Article 85 of Chapter 15A or pursuant to Article 3B of Chapter 148 may be released under this section. Persons eligible for parole under Article 85A of Chapter 15A shall be eligible for early parole under this section nine months prior to the discharge date otherwise applicable, and six months prior to the date of automatic 90-day parole authorized by G. S. 15A-1380.2. A person sentenced under Article 81B of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes shall not be released pursuant to 148-4.1.

**.0602 SUPERVISION**

Whenever an **offender** is paroled in accordance with these procedures, the **Post Release Supervision and** Parole Commission may impose all the conditions listed in G. S. 15A-1374. These conditions will apply throughout the period of parole supervision.

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Commissioner of Prisons

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