

**Assembly Bill No. 96**

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Passed the Assembly August 24, 2006

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate August 16, 2006

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act relating to parole.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 96, Cohn. Parole: high-risk sex offenders: tracking.

Under existing law, the parole authority may require an inmate, as a condition of release on parole, or a parolee, as an intermediate sanction in lieu of being sent back to prison, to be subject to electronic monitoring.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide a written report to the Governor and Legislature describing an action plan for employing global positioning satellite devices as part of the intensive and specialized parole supervision of high-risk sex offenders, as specified.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, no later than July 1, 2007, shall provide a written report to the Governor and Legislature describing an action plan for employing global positioning satellite (GPS) devices as part of the intensive and specialized parole supervision of high-risk sex offenders commencing from the time they are released from prison. The action plan shall address, but not be limited to, all of the following issues with respect to the implementation of this action plan:

(a) How the department shall ensure that prisons from which high-risk sex offenders are about to be released on parole will have GPS units.

(b) Potential GPS devices currently available for purchase and in adequate supply that will meet the needs of the department with respect to this parole program.

(c) Who will be responsible for testing, programming, attaching, initiating, and instructing parolees on the use of the GPS units at prison sites, and how these persons will be trained.

(d) How GPS devices will be programmed at the prison site, and whether or not the devices can or will be reprogrammed at local parole offices once a parolee arrives in the community.

(e) How these GPS devices will track the location of parolees during their transition between prison and their residence, and thereafter while on parole, and who will be responsible for monitoring the tracking data and responding when a device sends out an alarm.

(f) How parolees will be instructed on ensuring that their GPS devices maintain function during lengthy periods of travel, and whether or not there are practical methods for ensuring that parolees who travel long distances to reach their paroling communities upon release from prison will have access to whatever may be required to ensure a device is adequately charged.

(g) How GPS devices attached at prisons will be coordinated with devices now attached at parole offices, and whether these units can and will be combined so that only one GPS device is used, activated at prison as a parolee is leaving custody.

(h) How data collected from GPS units will be used and safeguarded to ensure that information collected for the purposes of monitoring and tracking high-risk sex offenders is used solely for those purposes and for purposes relating to public safety by the department and local law enforcement.

(i) The timeframe for implementing this action.

(j) The estimated costs of, and resources necessary for implementation, and whether there are other kinds of monitoring practices or programs that are effective in enhancing public safety and equally or more cost effective than the use of GPS units.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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*Governor*