

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 31, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 257**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Galgiani**

February 3, 2011

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~~An act relating to inmate release.~~ *An act to add Section 3058.95 to the Penal Code, relating to inmate release.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 257, as amended, Galgiani. Inmate release: notification.

Existing law requires the Board of Parole Hearings or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, as specified, to notify certain persons who have requested notification when an inmate who has committed a violent felony is scheduled to be released.

*This bill would require the department to develop a unified statewide electronic mail victim notification system for notifying victims who request that notification of parole hearings or release dates for their offenders be sent to them by e-mail.*

~~This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to streamline the notification process regarding inmate release in order to make that process more accessible.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1     *SECTION 1. Section 3058.95 is added to the Penal Code, to*
- 2     *read:*

1     3058.95. *The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation*  
2 *shall, by July 1, 2012, develop a unified statewide electronic mail*  
3 *victim notification system for notifying victims who request that*  
4 *notification of parole hearings or release dates for their offenders*  
5 *be sent to them by e-mail.*

6     ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~  
7 ~~legislation that would require the Department of Corrections and~~  
8 ~~Rehabilitation to streamline the notification process regarding~~  
9 ~~inmate release in order to make that process more accessible.~~