

Sec. 1. 28 V.S.A. § 456 is added to read:

§ 456. PAROLE BOARD INDEPENDENCE

- (a) The Parole Board shall be an independent and impartial body.
- (b) Neither assistant attorneys general nor any attorney employed by the Department of Corrections shall provide legal counsel to the Parole Board in a pending parole revocation hearing.
- (c) Neither an assistant attorney general or the direct supervisor of an assistant attorney general who represents the Department of Corrections in parole revocation hearings, nor any attorney employed by the Department of Corrections, shall provide training to Parole Board members on the subject of parole revocation hearings, unless a representative of the Defender General is notified and given the opportunity to participate in the training.