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TO: Law and Justice Interim Committee
FROM: Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney
RE: Rule Review Memo

Board of Pardons and Parole

MAR 2026 Issue No. 6, (March 20, 2026): The Board of Pardons and Parole (BOPD) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning the proposed amendment of ARM No. 20.25.507 regarding parole guidelines. The BOPD noted that the amendments are reasonably necessary to more accurately reflect the parole guidelines and the scoring process used to provide consistency in the parole decision making process. Specifically, the amendments are designed to ensure consideration of any previous revocations. A hearing was held on Monday April 20, 2026.

Department of Justice

MAR 2026 Issue No. 7, (April 10, 2026): The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a Notice of Adoption concerning ARM No. 23.12.402 addressing the enforcement of fire prevention and investigation section rules. No public comments were received.