
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: CLEMENCY AND EARLY RELEASE PROGRAMS
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An internal policy should be developed to standardize clemency applications. Several questions must be answered:

1. What guidance is provided through state law?
Ask Legal Counsel?
2. What do other states do?
Kentucky offers non-violent felons application for clemency after 10 years of good behavior following their release. They must have recommendation letters from the trial judge, presiding prosecutor, and their religious leader to obtain a staff interview. Following a positive staff interview, the governor may also choose to interview the
3. Who was involved in the criminal actions and what are their thoughts about granting clemency?
4. State law?

Parties interested?

Internal review?

Potential for more criminal activity

Interview all parties?