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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes identity check for suspects taken into custody on warrants

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 held in custody in a State correctional facility, county correctional
2 facility, or municipal jail to ensure that the identity of the person
3 being held matches the identity of the person for whom the warrant
4 was issued.

5 Under the bill, an identity check is required to include, but is not
6 limited to:

7 (1) a review of the person's identifying documentation including
8 a motor vehicle identification card, a passport, a credit card, a debit
9 card, a military identification card, a social security card, or any
10 other documentation issued by a federal, State, or local government
11 entity, or a private entity which may be used to identify the person;

12 (2) a review of any photograph of the person for whom the
13 warrant was issued, along with a comparison to the physical
14 appearance of the person taken into custody and any photographs
15 accompanying the person's identifying documentation; and

16 (3) issuance of a statement that the reviews required pursuant to
17 paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection have been performed and,
18 to the greatest extent practicable, the identity of the person in
19 custody has been determined to match the person for whom the
20 warrant was issued.

21 In October 2019, an innocent Jackson Township resident was
22 jailed as a result of mistaken identity. In that case, the resident had
23 a similar name to a defendant named in a warrant, and the error and
24 the resident's innocence were not confirmed by authorities for three
25 days. It is the sponsor's intent that the provisions of the bill would
26 assist authorities in avoiding this type of error in the future.