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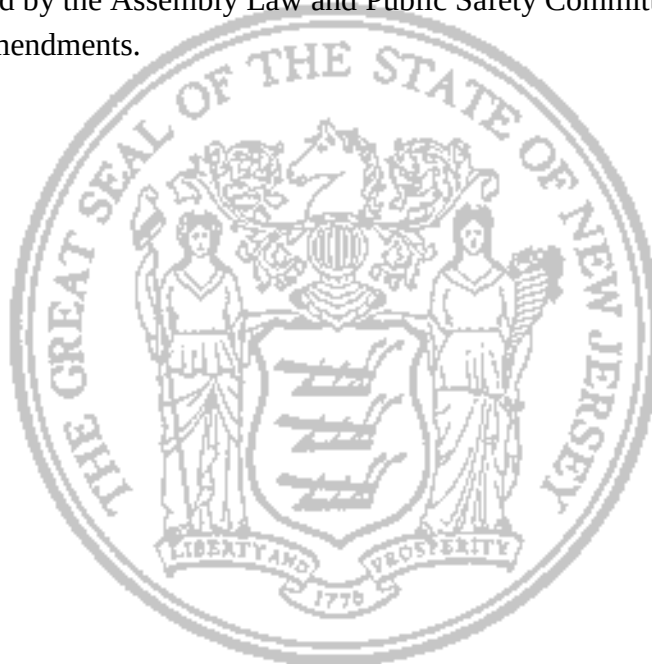
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SYNOPSIS

Requires reentry assistance to be provided to certain inmates who have served their maximum sentence.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee on March 8, 2021, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning ¹**defendants** inmates¹ who serve their
2 maximum sentence and supplementing ¹**P.L.1979, c.441** Title
3 30 of the Revised Statutes¹ .
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
9 ¹**a defendant who has served** an inmate serving¹ the maximum term
10 of imprisonment shall, upon request, be offered ¹**the same** reentry¹
11 assistance ¹**available to a defendant released on parole pursuant to the**
12 **procedures and standards set forth in section 15 of P.L.1979, c.441**
13 **(C.30:4-123.59)** from a non-profit inmate reentry service provider
14 contracted by the Department of Community Affairs.¹

15 b. The Commissioner of Corrections shall advise ¹**a defendant**
16 an inmate¹ who ¹**has served the** is scheduled to be released
17 following¹ the maximum term of imprisonment of the assistance to
18 which the defendant is entitled pursuant to subsection a. of this section
19 ¹**prior to the defendant's release from incarceration** at least six
20 months prior to the inmate's release date.

21 In addition to any other requirements under current law related to
22 the provision of information and services to inmates, the commissioner
23 shall provide the inmate with information concerning non-profit
24 inmate reentry organizations contracted to provide reentry assistance
25 pursuant to subsection a. of this section, and¹ provide contact
26 information necessary to access available resources.

27 c. The ¹**State Parole Board** shall include in its annual report the
28 number of defendants who request services pursuant to subsection a.
29 of this section, a summary of the particular assistance received, and the
30 recidivism rates of these defendants **commissioner shall allow a non-**
31 **profit service provider to communicate with an inmate who requests**
32 **reentry services pursuant to subsection a. of this section prior to the**
33 **inmate's release date in order assess the needs of the inmate**¹ .
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35 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
36 after enactment.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted March 8, 2021.