

ASSEMBLY, No. 4839

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires subsistence vouchers issued to county inmates upon release be accepted in every county.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/26/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning county inmates and supplementing Title 30 of
2 the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. A voucher authorizing receipt of subsistence benefits
8 including, but not limited to, housing, food, and health benefits,
9 issued to an inmate released from any county correctional facility in
10 this State shall be accepted by every county agency in the State. A
11 county agency shall not deny the county inmate any benefit
12 authorized by a voucher to which a county inmate is otherwise
13 entitled on the grounds that the correctional facility from which the
14 inmate was released is located in another county.

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill requires every county agency in the State to accept
22 vouchers for housing, food, and medical benefits issued to inmates
23 upon release from a county correctional facility regardless of the
24 location of that facility.

25 The bill specifically requires vouchers authorizing receipt of
26 subsistence benefits including, but not limited to, housing, food,
27 and health benefits, issued to inmates released from county
28 correctional facilities to be accepted by every county throughout the
29 State. The bill prohibits a county agency from denying the county
30 inmate these benefits on the grounds that the facility from which the
31 inmate was released is located in another county.

32 According to the sponsor, certain counties are refusing to accept
33 vouchers for subsistence benefits from inmates who are released
34 from a correctional facility outside that county.