

SENATE, No. 2595

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Requires cost savings study of compassionate release program and elimination of mandatory minimum terms; establishes “Corrections Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention Fund.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** requiring cost savings study, establishing the “Corrections
2 Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention Fund,” and supplementing
3 Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The Commissioner of Corrections, in consultation with
9 the Chairman of the State Parole Board and the State Treasurer,
10 shall conduct a study to determine the fiscal impact of cost savings
11 that may be realized from the reduction of prison population due to
12 compassionate release and the elimination of mandatory minimum
13 terms of parole ineligibility for certain inmates.

14 b. The commissioner shall issue an annual report to the
15 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
16 19.1), to the Legislature setting forth the results of the study
17 required by subsection a. of this section.

18 c. The Commissioner of Corrections shall deposit any cost
19 savings realized pursuant to subsection a. of this section into a
20 special non-lapsing fund which shall be known as the “Corrections
21 Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention Fund.” Monies in the fund
22 shall be used to support recidivism reduction programs, including
23 community-based and prison-based programs, such as educational
24 and vocational training, and for other services to facilitate inmates’
25 successful reentry.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill requires the Commissioner of Corrections, in
33 consultation with the Chairman of the State Parole Board, and the
34 State Treasurer to conduct a study to determine the fiscal impact of
35 cost savings from a reduction of prison population due to
36 implementation of legislation to create a compassionate release
37 program and eliminate mandatory minimum terms of parole
38 ineligibility for certain inmates.

39 In addition, this bill requires the commissioner to deposit any
40 savings into a special non-lapsing fund to be known as the
41 “Corrections Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention Fund,” with the
42 funds to be used to support recidivism reduction programs and other
43 services meant to facilitate inmates’ successful reentry.