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SYNOPSIS

Requires female inmates be provided with family planning services prior to release from correctional facility.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning female inmates and amending P.L.2009, c.329.

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

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6 1. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.329 (C.30:1B-6.2) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 2. **【The】** Except as provided in subsection m. of this section,
9 the Commissioner of Corrections shall provide to each inmate at
10 least ten days prior to release from a State correctional facility:

11 a. A copy of the inmate's criminal history record and written
12 information on the inmate's right to have his criminal records
13 expunged under chapter 52 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes;

14 b. General written information on the inmate's right to vote
15 under R.S.19:4-1;

16 c. General written information on the availability of programs,
17 including faith-based and secular programs, that would assist in
18 removing barriers to the inmate's employment or participation in
19 vocational or educational rehabilitative programs, including, but not
20 limited to information concerning the "Rehabilitated Convicted
21 Offenders Act," P.L.1968, c.282 (C.2A:168A-1 et seq.) and the
22 certificate of rehabilitation under P.L.2007, c.327 (C.2A:168A-7 et
23 seq.);

24 d. A detailed written record of the inmate's participation in
25 educational, training, employment, and medical or other treatment
26 programs while the inmate was incarcerated;

27 e. A written accounting of the fines, assessments, surcharges,
28 restitution, penalties, child support arrearages, and any other
29 obligations due and payable by the inmate upon release;

30 f. A non-driver identification card, which shall be issued by
31 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and for which the
32 Motor Vehicle Commission shall accept a former inmate's
33 Department of Corrections identification card to have a two-point
34 value in applying for the non-driver identification card;

35 g. A copy of the inmate's birth certificate if the inmate was
36 born in New Jersey;

37 h. Assistance in obtaining a Social Security card;

38 i. A one-day New Jersey bus or rail pass;

39 j. A two-week supply of prescription medication;

40 k. General written information concerning child support,
41 including child support payments owed by the inmate, information
42 on how to seek child support payments and information on where to
43 seek services regarding child support, child custody, and
44 establishing parentage; **【and】**

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.

(2) Within 90 days of the effective date of this act, the commissioner, in consultation with the State Board of Medical Examiners, shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to ensure that these records are expeditiously and securely provided, in a manner consistent with the provision of medical records by other providers; and

(cf: P.L.2011, c.191, s.1)

STATEMENT

The "Fair Release and Reentry Act of 2009," (P.L.2009, c.329; C.30:1B-6.1 et seq.) requires the Commissioner of Corrections to provide inmates, at least ten days before their release, with various documents, information, and other items. Examples of these items include a copy of the inmate's criminal history record and written information on expungement of criminal records, information on voting rights, a two week supply of prescription medication, and a medical discharge summary. This bill requires the commissioner to also provide female inmates with family planning services to aid in their successful reentry into the community.