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P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 45, *approved July 1, 2020*  
Senate, No. 2331 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning inmate reentry, amending P.L.2009, c.329, and  
2 supplementing Title 30 of 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. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.329 (C.30:1B-6.2) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 2. The Commissioner of Corrections shall provide to each  
10 inmate at least **[ten]** <sup>1</sup>**[30]** <sup>10</sup> days prior to release from a State  
11 correctional facility:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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:**

**<sup>1</sup>Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations June 15, 2020.**

- 1 value in applying for the non-driver identification card;] Deleted by  
2 amendment, P.L. c. (pending before the Legislature as this  
3 bill)
- 4 g. A copy of the inmate's birth certificate if the inmate was  
5 born in New Jersey;
- 6 h. Assistance in obtaining a Social Security card;
- 7 i. A one-day New Jersey bus or rail pass;
- 8 j. A ~~two-week~~ <sup>three-month</sup> ~~two-week~~<sup>1</sup> supply of  
9 prescription medication;
- 10 k. General written information concerning child support,  
11 including child support payments owed by the inmate, information  
12 on how to seek child support payments and information on where to  
13 seek services regarding child support, child custody, and  
14 establishing parentage; and
- 15 l. (1) A medical discharge summary, which shall include  
16 instructions on how to obtain from the commissioner a copy of the  
17 inmate's full medical record. Upon request from the inmate, the  
18 commissioner shall provide a copy of the inmate's full medical  
19 record in a safe and secure manner, at no charge to the inmate.
- 20 (2) Within 90 days of the effective date of this act, the  
21 commissioner, in consultation with the State Board of Medical  
22 Examiners, shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the  
23 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
24 seq.), to ensure that these records are expeditiously and securely  
25 provided, in a manner consistent with the provision of medical  
26 records by other providers.  
27 (cf: P.L.2011, c.191, s.1)
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- 29 2. (New section) The Commissioner of Corrections shall  
30 provide a non-driver identification card <sup>issued by the New Jersey</sup>  
31 Motor Vehicle Commission<sup>1</sup> to each inmate, free of charge, as soon  
32 as practicable, but not less than ~~45~~ <sup>10</sup> days prior to the inmate's  
33 release from a State correctional facility. The New Jersey Motor  
34 Vehicle Commission shall issue the identification card and accept a  
35 former inmate's Department of Corrections identification card as  
36 two points for the purposes of applying for the identification card.  
37 Whenever the ~~Governor orders~~<sup>1</sup> Motor Vehicle Commission  
38 agencies ~~to close~~ are closed<sup>1</sup> during a declared public health  
39 emergency, pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act,"  
40 P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), a state of emergency, pursuant  
41 to P.L.1942, c.251 (C.App.A.9-33 et seq.), or both, the  
42 ~~Commissioner of Corrections shall directly issue these~~  
43 identification cards to inmates inmate's Department of Corrections  
44 identification card shall be accepted by all State, county, and  
45 municipal agencies and New Jersey nonprofits in a manner as to  
46 allow the releasee to gain access to services for which they are  
47 deemed eligible for the duration of the public health emergency<sup>1</sup>.

1       <sup>1</sup>[3. (New section) a. The chief executive officer, warden, or  
2 keeper of each county correctional facility shall provide to each  
3 inmate at least 30 days prior to release from a county correctional  
4 facility:

5       (1) a copy of the inmate's criminal history record and written  
6 information on the inmate's right to have his criminal records  
7 expunged under chapter 52 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes;

8       (2) general written information on the inmate's right to vote  
9 under R.S.19:4-1;

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13 vocational or educational rehabilitative programs, including but not  
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15 Offenders Act," P.L.1968, c.282 (C.2A:168A-1 et seq.) and the  
16 certificate of rehabilitation under P.L.2007, c.327 (C.2A:168A-7 et  
17 seq.);

18       (4) a detailed written record of the inmate's participation in  
19 educational, training, employment, and medical or other treatment  
20 programs while the inmate was incarcerated;

21       (5) a written accounting of the fines, assessments, surcharges,  
22 restitution, penalties, child support arrearages, and any other  
23 obligations due and payable by the inmate upon release;

24       (6) a copy of the inmate's birth certificate if the inmate was born  
25 in New Jersey;

26       (7) assistance in obtaining a Social Security card;

27       (8) a one-day New Jersey bus or rail pass;

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32 seek services regarding child support, child custody, and  
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34       (11) a medical discharge summary, which shall include  
35 instructions on how to obtain from the superintendent a copy of the  
36 inmate's full medical record; upon request from the inmate, the  
37 superintendent shall provide a copy of the inmate's full medical  
38 record in a safe and secure manner, at no charge to the inmate; the  
39 superintendent shall comply with rules and regulations, adopted  
40 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
41 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), that ensure that these records are  
42 expeditiously and securely provided i  
43 n a manner consistent with the provision of medical records by  
44 other providers.

45       b. If an inmate is at any time scheduled for release from a  
46 county correctional facility in less than 30 days, the superintendent  
47 shall comply with the provisions of subsection a. of this section at  
48 least 48 hours prior to the inmate's release. ]<sup>1</sup>

1 <sup>1</sup>3. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or  
2 regulation to the contrary, during the Public Health Emergency or  
3 State of Emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order  
4 103 of 2020, in addition to the two-week supply of medication  
5 provided to an inmate prior to release from a State correctional  
6 facility pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2009, c.329 (C.30:1B-6.2), and  
7 to the extent consistent with clinical guidelines, an inmate shall be  
8 given an additional 30 day prescription order and two additional  
9 refills.<sup>1</sup>

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11 <sup>1</sup>4. (New section) a. The chief executive officer, warden, or  
12 keeper of each county correctional facility shall provide to each  
13 county inmate, free of charge, a non-driver identification card as  
14 soon as practicable, but at least 30 days prior to the inmate's release  
15 from that facility. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission  
16 shall issue the identification card and accept a former inmate's  
17 county corrections identification card as two points for the purposes  
18 of applying for the identification card. Whenever the Governor  
19 orders Motor Vehicle Commission agencies to close during a public  
20 health emergency pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act,"  
21 P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), a state of emergency pursuant  
22 to P.L.1942, c.251 (C.App.A.9-33 et seq.), or both, the  
23 superintendent of the facility shall directly issue these identification  
24 cards to inmates.

25 b. If an inmate is at any time scheduled for release from a  
26 county correctional facility in less than 30 days, the superintendent  
27 shall issue the non-driver identification card required pursuant to  
28 subsection a. of this section at least 48 hours prior to the inmate's  
29 release.]<sup>1</sup>

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31 <sup>1</sup>5] 4.<sup>1</sup> (New section) <sup>1</sup>a.<sup>1</sup> The Commissioner of Corrections  
32 shall <sup>1</sup>[complete and forward] ensure that an inmate is assisted  
33 with completing and forwarding<sup>1</sup> for processing to the  
34 <sup>1</sup>[appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services]  
35 Department of Human Services<sup>1</sup> as soon as practicable but not less  
36 than <sup>1</sup>[45] 30<sup>1</sup> days prior to an inmate's release from incarceration  
37 <sup>1</sup>[applications] , an online application<sup>1</sup> for enrollment in  
38 <sup>1</sup>[applicable social service programs, including but not limited to:  
39 a.] the Medicaid program, established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413  
40 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

41 b. In addition to the requirements of subsection a. of this  
42 section, the Commissioner of Corrections shall also ensure that the  
43 inmate is assisted in completing and forwarding for processing to  
44 the appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services,  
45 as soon as practicable but not less than 30 days prior to an inmate's  
46 release from incarceration, online applications for enrollment in the  
47 following programs:

1 (1)<sup>1</sup> the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, established  
2 pursuant to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.88-  
3 525 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.)<sup>1</sup>【.】<sup>1</sup>;

4 <sup>1</sup>【b.】 and

5 (2)<sup>1</sup> the Work First New Jersey program, established pursuant to  
6 P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.), which shall include <sup>1</sup>, for  
7 inmates who are unable to identify a residence at the time of release,<sup>1</sup>  
8 the application for emergency assistance benefits issued to Work  
9 First New Jersey recipients pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1997, c.14  
10 (C.44:10-51)<sup>1</sup>【; and】<sup>1</sup>

11 c. <sup>1</sup>【the Medicaid program, established pursuant to  
12 P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.)】 The Department of Human  
13 Services shall be required to accept and process the online applications  
14 for Medicaid received from the Department of Corrections pursuant to  
15 subsection a. of this section<sup>1</sup>.

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17 <sup>1</sup>【6. (New section) a. The chief executive officer, warden, or  
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1       <sup>1</sup>**[9.] 6.** This act shall take effect immediately.

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7 necessary reentry benefits.



# SENATE, No. 2331

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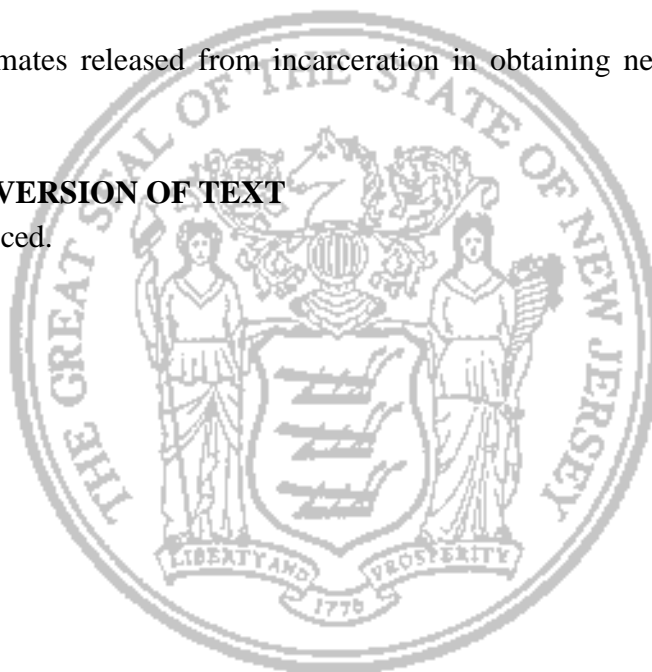
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**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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8 in New Jersey;
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26 n a manner consistent with the provision of medical records by  
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- 33 4. (New section) a. The chief executive officer, warden, or  
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5 5 (New section) The Commissioner of Corrections shall  
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7 welfare agency or board of social services as soon as practicable but  
8 not less than 45 days prior to an inmate's release from incarceration  
9 applications for enrollment in applicable social service programs,  
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11 a. the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, established  
12 pursuant to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.88-  
13 525 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.);

14 b. the Work First New Jersey program, established pursuant to  
15 P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.), which shall include the  
16 application for emergency assistance benefits issued to Work First  
17 New Jersey recipients pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1997, c.14  
18 (C.44:10-51); and

19 c. the Medicaid program, established pursuant to  
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41 7. (New section) The Commissioner of Corrections shall  
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43 services, in advance of an inmate's release, the inmate's name,  
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6 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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9 STATEMENT

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11 This bill addresses significant obstacles faced by State and  
12 county inmates in obtaining life-sustaining benefits when these  
13 inmates are released from incarceration, particularly during the  
14 COVID-19 pandemic. These benefits include food stamps; cash  
15 assistance and temporary emergency housing under the State's  
16 general assistance program; and Medicaid services, including  
17 treatment for hepatitis and other viruses, behavioral health services,  
18 such as medication- assisted treatment (MAT) and other addiction  
19 treatment, and mental health care.

20 One of the biggest obstacles to obtaining these benefits is lack of  
21 photo identification. The State's Fair Release and Reentry Act of  
22 2009 currently requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to  
23 ensure inmates are provided with certain credentials, documents,  
24 and information to assist their reentry efforts at least 10 days prior  
25 to release from incarceration. The credentials to be provided  
26 include non-driver identification cards that are issued by the New  
27 Jersey State Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). The requirements  
28 of the act currently do not apply to inmates released from county  
29 correctional facilities.

30 Under the bill, the timeframe within which the DOC would be  
31 required to provide the credentials, documents, and information is  
32 extended from 10 to 30 days before the release of a State inmate.  
33 The superintendent of each county correctional facility also would  
34 be required to issue to county inmates 30 days before release the  
35 same documents the DOC is to issue to State inmates.

36 Further, the non-driver identification card is to be issued to State  
37 inmates, free of charge, as soon as is practicable, but at least 45  
38 days before the inmate is released. County inmates similarly are to  
39 be issued these identification cards, free of charge, as soon as  
40 practicable, but at least 30 days prior to their release. County  
41 inmates at any time scheduled to be released in less than 30 days  
42 are to be issued the credentials, documents, and information, as well  
43 as the identification cards, at least 48 hours before release.

44 The bill also requires the DOC and county correctional facilities  
45 to directly issue non-driver identification cards to inmates released  
46 from incarceration if the Governor orders Motor Vehicle  
47 Commission (MVC) agencies to close during a declared public  
48 health emergency, state of emergency, or both.

1       The current requirement that State inmates be released with a  
2 two-week supply of prescription medications is increased to a three-  
3 month supply. The bill further requires county inmates to be  
4 released with a three-month supply of prescription medications.

5       To ensure that there is no delay in acquiring necessary food,  
6 shelter, and medical services when State and county inmates are  
7 released into society, the bill requires the DOC, 45 days before  
8 release, and county correctional facilities, 30 days before release, to  
9 complete on behalf of inmates applications for enrollment in social  
10 service programs. The social service programs specifically include  
11 food stamps, general assistance (including temporary emergency  
12 housing assistance), and Medicaid. If a county inmate at any time  
13 is scheduled to be released in less than 30 days, the county  
14 correctional facility is to complete the applications at least 48 hours  
15 before release. The applications are to be forwarded to the  
16 appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services.

17       Finally, the bill requires the DOC and county correctional  
18 facilities to provide advance notice of the release of an inmate to  
19 the appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services  
20 and contact information for that inmate including, at a minimum, a  
21 telephone number or email address. This enables social service  
22 organizations to contact released inmates to offer reentry assistance.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

## SENATE, No. 2331 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 22, 2020

### SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Assists inmates released from incarceration in obtaining necessary reentry benefits.
- Type of Impact:** State expenditure increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>
<b>State Cost Increase</b>	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that this bill would result in an indeterminate annual expenditure increase to the Department of Corrections (DOC). The OLS lacks sufficient information to quantify the fiscal impact.
- The DOC is likely to experience increased administrative and personnel costs. The bill requires the DOC to assist inmates with completing applications for enrollment in social service programs, including but not limited to Medicaid, Work First New Jersey, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- The bill also requires that State inmates be released with a 30-day supply of prescription medications and two additional refills, in addition to the two-week supply required under current law. This would result in a substantial cost increase that is difficult to quantify, since the medication requirements of different inmates are likely to vary.

### BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill would require State, county, and municipal agencies and New Jersey non-profits to temporarily accept as a valid form of identification the identification cards issued by the DOC to inmates while they are in custody in lieu of a New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC)



issued non-driver identification card when MVC agencies are closed during a declared public health emergency, state of emergency, or both. This would enable releasees to gain access to the services for which they are eligible even when the MVC is closed during a public health emergency. Currently, the State's Fair Release and Reentry Act of 2009 requires the DOC to ensure inmates are provided with certain credentials, documents, and information to assist their reentry efforts at least 10 days prior to release from incarceration. The credentials to be provided include non-driver identification cards that are issued by the MVC.

The bill would increase the supply of prescription drugs to be provided to inmates prior to release from a two-week supply of medication to a 30-day period and two additional refills, in addition to the two-week supply already provided under current law, for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency and to ensure consistency with clinical guidelines.

The DOC would also be required to assist inmates with completing applications for enrollment in social service programs, including but not limited to Medicaid, Work First New Jersey, and SNAP.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS estimates that this bill would result in an indeterminate annual expenditure increase to the DOC, which is likely to experience increased administrative and personnel costs. The DOC would be required to assist inmates with completing applications for enrollment in social service programs, including but not limited to, Medicaid, Work First New Jersey, and SNAP. According to data made available by the DOC's Office of Policy and Planning, 98 inmates were in the "reentry" category for the month of April 2020. It is unclear if that would be the total number of inmates being considered for release from incarceration.

The bill also requires that State inmates be released with a 30-day supply of prescription medications and two additional refills, in addition to the two-week supply required under current law. This would result in a substantial cost increase that is difficult to quantify, since the medication requirements of different inmates are likely to vary.

*Section:*            *Judiciary*  
*Analyst:*          *Anuja Pande Joshi*  
                         *Assistant Research Analyst*  
*Approved:*       *Frank W. Haines III*  
                         *Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3912

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 9, 2020

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman ELIANA PINTOR MARIN**

**District 29 (Essex)**

**Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO**

**District 20 (Union)**

**Assemblyman ANTHONY S. VERRELLI**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Holley and Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson**

**SYNOPSIS**

Assists inmates released from incarceration in obtaining necessary reentry benefits.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 4/13/2020)**

1 AN ACT concerning inmate reentry, amending P.L.2009, c.329, and  
2 supplementing Title 30 of 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. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.329 (C.30:1B-6.2) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 2. The Commissioner of Corrections shall provide to each  
10 inmate at least **[ten]** 30 days prior to release from a State  
11 correctional facility:

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

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

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

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

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

31 f. **[A non-driver identification card, which shall be issued by the**  
32 **New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and for which the Motor**  
33 **Vehicle Commission shall accept a former inmate's Department of**  
34 **Corrections identification card to have a two-point value in**  
35 **applying for the non-driver identification card;]** Deleted by  
36 amendment, P.L. c. (pending before the Legislature as this  
37 bill)

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

40 h. Assistance in obtaining a Social Security card;

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

42 j. A **[two-week]** three-month supply of prescription  
43 medication;

44 k. General written information concerning child support,  
45 including child support payments owed by the inmate, information

**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.**

1 on how to seek child support payments and information on where to  
2 seek services regarding child support, child custody, and  
3 establishing parentage; and

4 1. (1) A medical discharge summary, which shall include  
5 instructions on how to obtain from the commissioner a copy of the  
6 inmate's full medical record. Upon request from the inmate, the  
7 commissioner shall provide a copy of the inmate's full medical  
8 record in a safe and secure manner, at no charge to the inmate.

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

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

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18 2. (New section) The Commissioner of Corrections shall  
19 provide a non-driver identification card to each inmate, free of  
20 charge, as soon as practicable, but not less than 45 days prior to the  
21 inmate's release from a State correctional facility. The New Jersey  
22 Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue the identification card and  
23 accept a former inmate's Department of Corrections identification  
24 card as two points for the purposes of applying for the identification  
25 card. Whenever the Governor orders Motor Vehicle Commission  
26 agencies to close during a declared public health emergency,  
27 pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222  
28 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), a state of emergency, pursuant to P.L.1942, c.  
29 251 (C.App.A.9-33 et seq.), or both, the Commissioner of  
30 Corrections shall directly issue these identification cards to inmates.

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32 3. (New section) a. The chief executive officer, warden, or  
33 keeper of each county correctional facility shall provide to each  
34 inmate at least 30 days prior to release from a county correctional  
35 facility:

36 (1) a copy of the inmate's criminal history record and written  
37 information on the inmate's right to have his criminal records  
38 expunged under chapter 52 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes;

39 (2) general written information on the inmate's right to vote  
40 under R.S.19:4-1;

41 (3) general written information on the availability of programs,  
42 including faith-based and secular programs, that would assist in  
43 removing barriers to the inmate's employment or participation in  
44 vocational or educational rehabilitative programs, including but not  
45 limited to information concerning the "Rehabilitated Convicted  
46 Offenders Act," P.L.1968, c.282 (C.2A:168A-1 et seq.) and the  
47 certificate of rehabilitation under P.L.2007, c.327 (C.2A:168A-7 et  
48 seq.);

- 1 (4) a detailed written record of the inmate's participation in  
2 educational, training, employment, and medical or other treatment  
3 programs while the inmate was incarcerated;
- 4 (5) a written accounting of the fines, assessments, surcharges,  
5 restitution, penalties, child support arrearages, and any other  
6 obligations due and payable by the inmate upon release;
- 7 (6) a copy of the inmate's birth certificate if the inmate was born  
8 in New Jersey;
- 9 (7) assistance in obtaining a Social Security card;
- 10 (8) a one-day New Jersey bus or rail pass;
- 11 (9) a three-month supply of prescription medication;
- 12 (10) general written information concerning child support,  
13 including child support payments owed by the inmate, information  
14 on how to seek child support payments and information on where to  
15 seek services regarding child support, child custody, and  
16 establishing parentage; and
- 17 (11) a medical discharge summary, which shall include  
18 instructions on how to obtain from the superintendent a copy of the  
19 inmate's full medical record; upon request from the inmate, the  
20 superintendent shall provide a copy of the inmate's full medical  
21 record in a safe and secure manner, at no charge to the inmate; the  
22 superintendent shall comply with rules and regulations, adopted  
23 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
24 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), that ensure that these records are  
25 expeditiously and securely provided i  
26 n a manner consistent with the provision of medical records by  
27 other providers.
- 28 b. If an inmate is at any time scheduled for release from a  
29 county correctional facility in less than 30 days, the superintendent  
30 shall comply with the provisions of subsection a. of this section at  
31 least 48 hours prior to the inmate's release.
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- 33 4. (New section) a. The chief executive officer, warden, or  
34 keeper of each county correctional facility shall provide to each  
35 county inmate, free of charge, a non-driver identification card as  
36 soon as practicable, but at least 30 days prior to the inmate's release  
37 from that facility. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission  
38 shall issue the identification card and accept a former inmate's  
39 county corrections identification card as two points for the purposes  
40 of applying for the identification card. Whenever the Governor  
41 orders Motor Vehicle Commission agencies to close during a public  
42 health emergency pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act,"  
43 P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), a state of emergency pursuant  
44 to P.L.1942, c. 251 (C.App.A.9-33 et seq.), or both, the  
45 superintendent of the facility shall directly issue these identification  
46 cards to inmates.
- 47 b. If an inmate is at any time scheduled for release from a  
48 county correctional facility in less than 30 days, the superintendent

1 shall issue the non-driver identification card required pursuant to  
2 subsection a. of this section at least 48 hours prior to the inmate's  
3 release.

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5 5. (New section) The Commissioner of Corrections shall  
6 complete and forward for processing to the appropriate county  
7 welfare agency or board of social services as soon as practicable but  
8 not less than 45 days prior to an inmate's release from incarceration  
9 applications for enrollment in applicable social service programs,  
10 including but not limited to:

11 a. the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, established  
12 pursuant to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.88-  
13 525 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.);

14 b. the Work First New Jersey program, established pursuant to  
15 P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.), which shall include the  
16 application for emergency assistance benefits issued to Work First  
17 New Jersey recipients pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1997, c.14  
18 (C.44:10-51); and

19 c. the Medicaid program, established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413  
20 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

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22 6. (New section) a. The chief executive officer, warden, or  
23 keeper of each county correctional facility shall complete and  
24 forward for processing to the appropriate county welfare agency or  
25 board of social services as soon as practicable but not less than 30  
26 days prior to an inmate's release from incarceration applications for  
27 enrollment in applicable social service programs, including but not  
28 limited to:

29 (1) the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, established  
30 pursuant to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.88-  
31 525 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.);

32 (2) the Work First New Jersey program, established pursuant to  
33 P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.); and

34 (3) the Medicaid program, established pursuant to P.L.1968,  
35 c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

36 b. If an inmate is at any time scheduled for release from a  
37 county correctional facility in less than 30 days, the superintendent  
38 shall comply with the provisions of subsection a. of this section at  
39 least 48 hours prior to the inmate's release.

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41 7. (New section) The Commissioner of Corrections shall  
42 provide to the appropriate county welfare agency or board of social  
43 services, in advance of an inmate's release, the inmate's name,  
44 release date, and contact information, which shall include, but not  
45 be limited to, a telephone number or an email address.

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48 keeper of each county correctional facility shall provide to the

1 appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services, in  
2 advance of an inmate's release, the inmate's name, release date, and  
3 contact information, which shall include, but not be limited to, a  
4 telephone number or an email address.

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6 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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9 STATEMENT

10  
11 This bill addresses significant obstacles faced by State and  
12 county inmates in obtaining life-sustaining benefits when these  
13 inmates are released from incarceration, particularly during the  
14 COVID-19 pandemic. These benefits include food stamps; cash  
15 assistance and temporary emergency housing under the State's  
16 general assistance program; and Medicaid services, including  
17 treatment for hepatitis and other viruses, behavioral health services,  
18 such as medication- assisted treatment (MAT) and other addiction  
19 treatment, and mental health care.

20 One of the biggest obstacles to obtaining these benefits is lack of  
21 photo identification. The State's Fair Release and Reentry Act of  
22 2009 currently requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to  
23 ensure inmates are provided with certain credentials, documents,  
24 and information to assist their reentry efforts at least 10 days prior  
25 to release from incarceration. The credentials to be provided  
26 include non-driver identification cards that are issued by the New  
27 Jersey State Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). The requirements  
28 of the act currently do not apply to inmates released from county  
29 correctional facilities.

30 Under the bill, the timeframe within which the DOC would be  
31 required to provide the credentials, documents, and information is  
32 extended from 10 to 30 days before the release of a State inmate.  
33 The superintendent of each county correctional facility also would  
34 be required to issue to county inmates 30 days before release the  
35 same documents the DOC is to issue to State inmates.

36 Further, the non-driver identification card is to be issued to State  
37 inmates, free of charge, as soon as is practicable, but at least 45  
38 days before the inmate is released. County inmates similarly are to  
39 be issued these identification cards, free of charge, as soon as  
40 practicable, but at least 30 days prior to their release. County  
41 inmates at any time scheduled to be released in less than 30 days  
42 are to be issued the credentials, documents, and information, as well  
43 as the identification cards, at least 48 hours before release.

44 The bill also requires the DOC and county correctional facilities  
45 to directly issue non-driver identification cards to inmates released  
46 from incarceration if the Governor orders Motor Vehicle  
47 Commission (MVC) agencies to close during a declared public  
48 health emergency, state of emergency, or both.

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2 two-week supply of prescription medications is increased to a three-  
3 month supply. The bill further requires county inmates to be  
4 released with a three-month supply of prescription medications.

5       To ensure that there is no delay in acquiring necessary food,  
6 shelter, and medical services when State and county inmates are  
7 released into society, the bill requires the DOC, 45 days before  
8 release, and county correctional facilities, 30 days before release, to  
9 complete on behalf of inmates applications for enrollment in social  
10 service programs. The social service programs specifically include  
11 food stamps, general assistance (including temporary emergency  
12 housing assistance), and Medicaid. If a county inmate at any time  
13 is scheduled to be released in less than 30 days, the county  
14 correctional facility is to complete the applications at least 48 hours  
15 before release. The applications are to be forwarded to the  
16 appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services.

17       Finally, the bill requires the DOC and county correctional  
18 facilities to provide advance notice of the release of an inmate to  
19 the appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services  
20 and contact information for that inmate including, at a minimum, a  
21 telephone number or email address. This enables social service  
22 organizations to contact released inmates to offer reentry assistance.



# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/28/2020

**TRENTON** - Today, Governor Phil Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bill:

**S-2331/A-3912 (Sweeney, Cunningham/Pintor Marin, Quijano, Verrelli)** - Assists inmates released from incarceration in obtaining necessary reentry benefits

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bills:

**S-2351/A3924 (Scutari, Greenstein, Holzapfel/Kennedy, Carter, Benson)** - Affords employment protection to certain emergency medical responders

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**S-2363/A-3921 (Greenstein/Benson, Mazzeo, Speight, DeAngelo)** - Authorizes Governor to permit emergency rent suspension for certain small business tenants during COVID-19 pandemic

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**SENATE BILL NO. 2331**

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2331 with my recommendations for reconsideration.

This bill would support individuals newly released from incarceration by ensuring that they have access to the documents and social assistance necessary for a successful transition back into the community. Among other things, the bill would require the Department of Corrections ("DOC") to provide a non-driver identification card issued by the Motor Vehicle Commission ("MVC") to each inmate, free of charge, prior to the inmate's release from custody. Additionally, the bill would require the DOC Commissioner, in the case of State prisons, and the chief executive officers and wardens, in the case of county correctional facilities, to complete applications for enrollment in social service programs, including Medicaid, Work First New Jersey, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"). The bill also would increase the supply of prescription drugs to be provided to inmates prior to release from a two-week supply of medication to a three-month supply of medication.

I commend the sponsors of this legislation for seeking to enhance the resources available to women and men as they re-enter society. Proper photo identification is essential for newly released individuals to obtain healthcare, and to gain access to housing, social services, and employment. Of equal importance, inmates must be made aware of their eligibility for assistance programs prior to release so that they may connect with appropriate supports during their transition.

While I support the broad goals of this legislation, I am recommending several revisions to facilitate its administration, particularly in light of the unique challenges posed by the current COVID-19 emergency. For example, the bill would require the DOC to directly issue the non-driver identification cards to inmates when MVC facilities are ordered to close because of a declared public health emergency or declared state of emergency. I agree that inmates must be provided necessary documentation even, and perhaps especially, when MVC facilities are closed as a result of an emergency. However, the process created by the bill would require the DOC to assume a core function of another agency in times of crisis, when resources may already be stretched thin. Rather than require the DOC to undertake a responsibility it has neither the expertise nor the resources to fulfill, we can achieve the same ends by requiring State, county, and municipal agencies and State non-profits to temporarily accept as a valid form of identification the identification cards issued by the DOC to inmates while they are in custody in lieu of MVC-issued non-driver identification when MVCs are closed during periods of emergency. This will enable releasees to gain access to the services for which they are eligible, without requiring the DOC to assume an additional duty that is outside of its area of expertise.

I also have revised the bill's modifications to the supply of prescription drugs provided to inmates upon release to require a 30-day prescription and two additional refills, in addition to the two-week supply already provided, for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency and to ensure consistency with clinical guidelines.

Finally, my recommended changes remove county correctional facilities from the bill. I am concerned about imposing additional costs and responsibilities on the counties in the midst of the

COVID-19 emergency. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Legislature to develop reentry policies tailored to the specific needs of the county inmate population when the fiscal circumstance of State and local governments improve.

Therefore, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 2331 and recommend that it be amended as follows:

<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 10:</u>	Delete "30" and insert "10"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 42:</u>	Delete "three-month" and insert "two-week"
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 19:</u>	After "card" insert "issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission"
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 20:</u>	Delete "45" and insert "10"
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 25:</u>	Delete "Governor orders"
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 26:</u>	Delete "to close" and insert "are closed"
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 29:</u>	After "the" insert "inmate's Department of Corrections identification card shall be accepted by all State, county, and municipal agencies and New Jersey nonprofits in a manner as to allow the releasee to gain access to services for which they are deemed eligible for the duration of the public health emergency."
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 29:</u>	Delete "Commissioner of"
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 30:</u>	Delete in its entirety
<u>Page 3, Section 3, Lines 32-48:</u>	Delete in their entirety
<u>Page 4, Section 3, Lines 1-31:</u>	Delete in their entirety
<u>Page 4, Line 32:</u>	Insert new section:  "3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, during the Public Health Emergency or State of Emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order 103 of 2020, in addition to the two-week supply of medication provided to an inmate prior to release from a State correctional facility pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2009, c.329 (C.30:1B-6.2), and to the extent consistent with

clinical guidelines, an inmate shall be given an additional 30 day prescription order and two additional refills."

- Page 4, Section 4, Lines 33-48: Delete in their entirety
- Page 5, Section 4, Lines 1-3: Delete in their entirety
- Page 5, Section 5, Line 5: Delete "5" and insert "4."
- Page 5, Section 5, Line 5: After "section)" insert "a."
- Page 5, Section 5, Line 6: Delete "complete and forward" and insert "ensure that an inmate is assisted with completing and forwarding"
- Page 5, Section 5, Lines 6-7: Delete "appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services" and insert "Department of Human Services"
- Page 5, Section 5, Line 8: Delete "45" and insert "30"
- Page 5, Section 5, Line 8: After "incarceration" insert ", an online application"
- Page 5, Section 5, Line 9: Delete "applications"
- Page 5, Section 5, Lines 9-10: Delete "applicable social service programs, including but not limited to:" and insert "the Medicaid program, established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.)."
- b. In addition to the requirements of subsection a. of this section, the Commissioner of Corrections shall also ensure that the inmate is assisted in completing and forwarding for processing to the appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services, as soon as practicable but not less than 30 days prior to an inmate's release from incarceration, online applications for enrollment in the following programs:"
- Page 5, Section 5, Line 11: Delete "a." and insert "(1)"
- Page 5, Section 5, Line 13: After ";" insert "and"
- Page 5, Section 5, Line 14: Delete "b." and insert "(2)"
- Page 5, Section 5, Line 15: After "include" insert ", for inmates who are unable to identify a residence at the time of release,"
- Page 5, Section 5, Line 18: Delete "; and" and insert "."

Page 5, Section 5, Line 19:

Delete "the Medicaid program, established pursuant to" and insert "The Department of Human Services shall be required to accept and process the online applications for Medicaid received from the Department of Corrections pursuant to subsection a. of this section."

Page 5, Section 5, Line 20:

Delete in its entirety

Page 5, Section 6, Lines 22-39:

Delete in their entirety

Page 5, Section 7, Line 41:

Delete "7." and insert "5."

Page 5, Section 8, Lines 47-48:

Delete in their entirety

Page 6, Section 8, Lines 1-4:

Delete in their entirety

Page 6, Section 9, Line 6:

Delete "9." and insert "6."

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Respectfully,

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor

# Governor Murphy Signs Legislation to Further Reform New Jersey's Criminal Justice System

07/1/2020

**TRENTON** -- Governor Phil Murphy today signed three pieces of legislation that make various reforms to New Jersey's criminal justice system. The bills will ensure personnel files of law enforcement officers are shared when applying for employment at other agencies, accelerate juvenile justice reforms, and expand critical re-entry benefits.

"I've been clear that New Jersey will be as aggressive as any state in the nation in our efforts to reform a criminal justice system that has largely failed our Black and Brown communities for far too long," **said Governor Murphy**. "Among other important changes, these measures promote a greater degree of professionalism in law enforcement hiring practices and ensure that young people and formerly incarcerated individuals who are re-entering society are provided with a meaningful chance to reach their full potential."

The Governor signed the following bills into law:

1. **A744 (Johnson, Holley, Conaway, Wimberly/Weinberg, Turner)** - Requires law enforcement agencies to provide internal affairs and personnel files of law enforcement officers to other agencies under certain circumstances.
2. **S2511 (Pou, Turner/Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Accelerates rescinding of certain juvenile delinquency fines and making discretionary post-incarceration supervision due to COVID-19 pandemic.
3. **S2331 (Sweeney, Cunningham/Pintor Marin, Quijano, Verrelli)** - Assists inmates released from incarceration in obtaining necessary re-entry benefits.

Primary sponsors of A744 include Assemblymembers Gordon Johnson, Jamel Holley, Herb Conaway and Benjie Wimberly, and Senators Loretta Weinberg and Shirley Turner.

"Operating with minimal information does more harm than good when it comes to hiring an officer charged to serve and protect, **said Assemblyman Gordon M. Johnson**. "With this legislation, we intend to give departments and jurisdictions all the information they need to determine if an applicant is the right fit. For us to reform police culture, we must ensure agencies are first aware of any disciplinary history."

"There needs to be more accountability," **said Assemblyman Jamel C. Holley**. "If an officer faces disciplinary action within one agency in one town and can easily move on to another agency in a different town without their record following them, we have an accountability problem. Making sure agencies aren't kept in the dark about the background of candidates – good or bad – is what this legislation does. This is critical in our efforts to rebuild trust in law enforcement."

"Ensuring departments have access to the personnel records they need to bring a new officer on board is about trust and confidence," **said Assemblyman Herb Conaway**. "Law enforcement officers are sent into the community every day and while most adhere to the highest professional standards, others may not. If that's the case, departments need to know."

"To strengthen the view of police as a force for good in the community, policies requiring disciplinary histories to be shared must be status quo," **said Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly**. "Most officers spend their entire career acting honorably, but to maintain accountability, policy has to acknowledge the potential for bad actors to exist."

"Police officers are given an immense amount of power and responsibility and the vast majority serve with honor and deference to the position," **said Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg**. "In cases where incidents do occur, however, it should be reviewable by any agency being asked to hire that person in the future. How can we expect agencies to weed out bad actors if they can't review an applicant's full history? When the public's trust is on the line, no stone should be left unturned and I am glad the Governor has taken such swift action on this bill."

"Police officers, quite literally at times, have the lives of our state's most vulnerable in their hands," **said Senator Shirley Turner**. "It is incredibly important we are thoroughly vetting any individual bestowed with that badge, and in turn, the power that comes with it. This legislation will create greater oversight, transparency and accountability to prevent departments from hiring bad actors."

Primary sponsors of S2511 include Senators Nellie Pou and Shirley Turner, and Assemblymembers Benjie Wimberly and Verlina Reynolds-Jackson.

"The juvenile justice reform bill we signed into law earlier this year was written before we had ever heard of the coronavirus," **said Senator Nellie Pou**. "The pandemic, however, has made the implementation of this law that much more crucial as it will help lower populations in certain juvenile facilities and create greater opportunity for proper social distancing. I am glad the Governor has recognized the urgency of signing this legislation today and discarded any further delay."

"Right now, those going through our justice system face particular vulnerability and risk of contracting COVID-19," **said Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly**. "This fact is no different for our youth who are in custody or under supervision, and often in detention for minor, non-violent infractions. To put the safety of our children first it is therefore critical to speed up the implementation of policies intending to protect against harsh juvenile sentencing, and to ensure greater priority for community-based rehabilitation and reintegration exists. Not only is it about health and safety, but it's also about justice."

"We have to do everything in our power to curb the spread of COVID-19, especially among our youth in the juvenile system who are at greater risk because of their physical circumstances," **said Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson**. "Thankfully, the mechanisms to keep children out of detention facilities and prioritize community-based programming were already in motion. Under this legislation, these reforms will now only be implemented much faster."

Primary sponsors of S2331 include Senators Sweeney and Cunningham, and Assemblymembers Pintor Marin, Quijano, and Verrelli.

"The legislation will require that prisons begin to prepare persons for life outside the wall," **said former Governor & New Jersey Reentry Corporation Chairman Jim McGreevey**. "Qualifying folks for Food Stamps, General Assistance, and Medicaid ensures persons will have the essential building blocks to survive. Food, housing, and healthcare are the Required first steps to a Second Chance at a healthy productive life."

"This will offer former offenders a fair opportunity at a second chance by addressing the obstacles to their successful reentry into society," **said Senate President Steve Sweeney**. "The barriers they encounter are even greater during the public health crisis we are now experiencing. Providing basic services can make a real difference in the lives of men and women who are returning to their families and communities as productive members of society."

"This law will help to address the significant obstacles faced by state and county inmates in obtaining what can be life-sustaining benefits when they are released from incarceration, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic," **said Senator Sandra Cunningham**. "One of the biggest barriers facing the reentry community upon release is lack of photo identification, which is needed to apply for general assistance, housing, or employment."

"After release, many offenders face a lack of access to resources, and many won't have support from their families," **said Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor Marin**. "By facilitating enrollment in Medicaid, as well as enrollment assistance in programs that provide food and housing security, this legislation helps the reentry process in the time of the coronavirus to be less challenging."

"A non-driver ID card is one of the most important tools for securing reentry benefits and assistance from social services," **said Assemblywoman Annette Quijano**. "Prioritizing access to this proof of identity following release from prison or jail is essential for self-sufficiency and to help individuals rebuild their lives, especially while we navigate this public health emergency."

"Removing obstacles to emergency housing for the duration of this state of emergency is critical to preserving our public health objectives," **said Assemblyman Anthony Verrelli**. "Individuals reentering society need a place to self-isolate or quarantine. Enabling organizations with the space, but who currently lack the licensing, to provide temporary shelter is key to making sure that need is met."