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officers--qualifications)

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1990 Senate No. 873

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2 supplementing chapter 1B and chapter 8 of Title 30 of the  
3 Revised Statutes.

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6 State of New Jersey:

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8 correctional institution assigned, maintained or operated by the  
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11 b. Is able to read, write and speak the English language well  
12 and intelligently and has a high school diploma or its equivalent;

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27 month following enactment, but its provisions shall not apply to  
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Establishes appointment qualifications for corrections officers.

SENATE, No. 873

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

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34 set forth in the bill are patterned after those required of  
35 individuals seeking appointments as police officers or special law  
36 enforcement officers.

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ASSEMBLY STATE OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 873

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 28, 1991

The Assembly State Operations and Personnel Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 873.

The bill would establish by statute qualification standards for persons applying for appointment as corrections officers. The qualifications set forth in the bill are patterned after those statutorily required of persons applying for appointment as firefighters for police officers.

Under the provisions of the bill, a person who would like to be a corrections officer in either a State or county correctional institution must be (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) able to read, write and speak the English language intelligently and have a high school diploma or its equivalent; (3) sound in body and of good health; (4) of good moral character; and (5) free of any convictions for offenses which make the person unfit to perform the duties of the position.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 26, 1990

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1990 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.