§§1,3-5 -C.30:4-123.100 to 30:4-123.103 §§2,6-7 -C.2A:4A-44.2 to 2A:4A-44.4 §8 -C.30:4-123.55f §10 - Note

## P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 111, approved October 19, 2020 Senate, No. 2519 (Fourth Reprint)

AN ACT concerning public health emergency credits, amending N.J.S.2C:47-3, and <sup>3</sup>amending and <sup>3</sup> supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes and P.L.1993, c.133 (C.2A:4A-44).

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

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- 1. (New section) a. In addition to credits awarded pursuant to 8 9 R.S.30:4-92; section 3 of P.L.2009, c.330 (C.30:4-92a); and 10 R.S.30:4-140, whenever a public health emergency, pursuant to the 11 "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), has been declared by the Governor and is in effect, the 12 commissioner also shall award inmates public health emergency 13 14 credits in accordance with this section if the public health 15 emergency:
- 16 (1) arises as a result of a communicable or infectious disease; 17 and
  - (2) results in <sup>2</sup> [the modification of] substantial modifications to department-wide correctional facility operations.
- b. Except as provided in subsection <sup>1</sup>[c.] <u>d.</u><sup>1</sup> of this section, public health emergency credits shall be awarded to any inmate in the custody of the <sup>1</sup>[Department] <u>Commissioner</u> of Corrections who <sup>1</sup>:
- 24 (1)<sup>1</sup> is serving a sentence or receiving jail credits applicable to 25 the sentence <sup>1</sup>; and
- 26 (2) is scheduled to be released from the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections within <sup>2</sup> [twelve months] 365 days<sup>2</sup>.
- 28 <u>c.</u><sup>1</sup> The <sup>1</sup>public health emergency <sup>1</sup> credits <sup>1</sup>awarded pursuant to 29 <u>this section</u> <sup>1</sup> shall provide further remission from both the 30 maximum and minimum term of the inmate's sentence <sup>2</sup>, including 31 the statutory mandatory minimum term, <sup>2</sup> at the rate of <sup>1</sup>[six]

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>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Senate SCM committee amendments adopted July 22, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted July 30, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Senate SLP committee amendments adopted August 25, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Assembly ABU committee amendments adopted September 21, 2020.

- <sup>2</sup>[four<sup>1</sup> months] 122 days<sup>2</sup> for each month, or portion thereof, 1 2 served during the declared emergency. An inmate shall not be
- awarded public health emergency credits in excess of <sup>1</sup>[12] 3
- <sup>2</sup>[eight<sup>1</sup> months] <u>244 days</u><sup>2</sup> of remission for any declared 4 5 emergency.
- <sup>1</sup>[c.] d. Public health emergency credits shall not be awarded 6 to an inmate <sup>2</sup> serving a sentence in a State correctional facility for 7 8
- 9 (1) murder pursuant to N.J.S.2C:11-3;
- 10 (2) aggravated sexual assault pursuant to subsection a. of 11 N.J.S.2C:14-2; or
- (3)<sup>4</sup> any offense enumerated in N.J.S.2C:47-1 and<sup>2</sup> whose 12 conduct was characterized by a pattern of repetitive, compulsive 13 behavior <sup>2</sup>[pursuant to N.J.S.2C:47-3]<sup>2</sup>. 14
- <sup>1</sup>[d.] <u>e.</u> <sup>1</sup> Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit <sup>1</sup>[or 15 affect 1 an inmate's eligibility for parole consideration as provided 16 for in section 10 of P.L.1948, c.84 (C.30:4-123.1 et seq.). 17
- 18 <sup>1</sup>f. An inmate who was in the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections during the Public Health Emergency and State of 19 20 Emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order 103 of 21 2020 concerning the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic shall 22 receive public health emergency credits in accordance with this 23 section.
- g. <sup>3</sup>[Except as provided in subsection h. of this section, an] 24 An<sup>3</sup> inmate scheduled to be released from the custody of the 25 Commissioner of Corrections following an award of public health 26 27 emergency credits pursuant to this section shall be released on the scheduled release date based on the award of public health 28 29 emergency credits.
- h. An inmate who is <sup>3</sup>[scheduled to be released on or within 30
- five days following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) 31 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be released either 32
- 33 on the date of the entry of an order entered pursuant to section <sup>2</sup>[6]
- 5<sup>2</sup> of P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this 34
- bill), or the date <sup>2</sup>[the prosecutor notifies]<sup>2</sup> the court <sup>2</sup>determines<sup>2</sup> 35
- that no order shall be entered <sup>2</sup>[pursuant to subsection b. of section 36
- 5 of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this 37
- 38 bill) because there is no identifiable victim of the crime for which
- 39 the inmate is serving a sentence<sup>2</sup>, whichever occurs sooner;
- however, under no circumstances shall the inmate be released later 40
- 41 than five days following the effective date I released from custody
- following an award of public health emergency credits pursuant to 42
- this section shall be prohibited from making contact with any victim 43
- 44 of the crime for which the inmate was serving a sentence, as set
- forth in section 5<sup>3</sup> of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the 45
- Legislature as this bill) <sup>3</sup>, which prohibition shall remain in force 46

- 1 <u>until the time that the inmate was scheduled to be released from</u> 2 <u>custody prior to the award of public health emergency credits</u><sup>3</sup>.
- i. The Prior to releasing an inmate from the custody of the commissioner following an award of public health emergency credits pursuant to section 1 of P.L., c. (C.) (pending
- 6 before the Legislature as this bill), the commissioner shall
- 7 <sup>3</sup>[provide a copy of any order entered]:
- 8 (1) notify the inmate in writing of the prohibition against 9 making contact with any victim of the crime for which the inmate
- 10 <u>was convicted</u><sup>3</sup> <u>pursuant to section</u> <sup>2</sup>[6] <u>5</u><sup>2</sup> <u>of P.L.</u> , c. (C. )
- 11 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) <sup>3</sup> [to the inmate prior to
- 12 the inmate's release from the custody of the commissioner ];
- 13 (2) notify the inmate in writing that a violation of the 14 prohibition against contact with a victim is a crime of the fourth 15 degree;
- (3) require the inmate to acknowledge in writing the receipt of
   the written notifications related to the contact prohibition provided
   pursuant to this subsection.
- j. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection i. of
   this section and any other relevant provision under current law
- 21 related to the provision of information and services to inmates, prior
- 22 to releasing an inmate from the custody of the commissioner
- 23 following an award of public health emergency credits pursuant to
- section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature
   as this bill), the commissioner shall compile and disseminate to
- 26 inmates information concerning organizations and programs,
- whether faith-based or secular programs, which provide assistance
- 28 and services to inmates reentering society after a period of
- 29 <u>incarceration.</u>
- 30 <u>k. Within 30 days prior to an inmate's release from the custody</u>
- 31 of the commissioner following an award of public health emergency
- 32 <u>credits pursuant to section 1 of P.L.</u>, c. (C. ) (pending before
- 33 the Legislature as this bill), the commissioner shall provide any
- 34 <u>available information related to the inmate's:</u>
- 35 (1) eligibility for Medicaid;
- 36 (2) housing information;
- 37 (3) identification information; and
- 38 (4) eligibility for any other benefits and services.
- 39 1. Subject to the availability of the testing resources of the
- 40 Department of Corrections, an inmate shall be tested for COVID-19
- 41 prior to the inmate's release from the custody of the commissioner
- 42 following an award of public health emergency credits pursuant to
- 43 <u>section 1 of P.L.</u>, c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature
- 44 as this bill) if the inmate is released during the Public Health
- 45 Emergency and State of Emergency declared by the Governor in
- 46 Executive Order 103 of 2020 concerning the coronavirus disease
- 47 <u>2019 pandemic</u><sup>3</sup>. 1

- 1 **2**[3.] 2.2 (New section) a. Except as provided in subsection b.
- of this section, <sup>1</sup> [the procedures and standards for the award of
- 3 credits set forth in R.S.30:4-92; section 3 of P.L.2009, c.330
- 4 (C.30:4-92a); the award of public health emergency credits
- 5 <u>pursuant to</u> section 1 of P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the
- 6 Legislature as this bill) <sup>1</sup>[; and R.S.30:4-140] shall apply to any
- 7 juvenile serving a sentence in a State correctional facility operated
- 8 by the Juvenile Justice Commission <sup>1</sup>who <sup>2</sup>due to the expiration of
- 9 <u>the juvenile's term of commitment</u><sup>2</sup> is scheduled to be released from
- 10 <u>custody within</u> <sup>2</sup> [twelve months <sup>1</sup>] 365 days <sup>2</sup>.
- b. Public health emergency credits shall not be awarded to any
- juvenile <sup>2</sup> serving a sentence in a State correctional facility operated
- by the Juvenile Justice Commission for 4:
- (1) murder pursuant to N.J.S.2C:11-3;
- 15 (2) aggravated sexual assault pursuant to subsection a. of
- 16 <u>N.J.S.2C:14-2; or</u>
- 17 (3)<sup>4</sup> any offense enumerated in N.J.S.2C:47-1 and<sup>2</sup> who is deemed a repetitive, compulsive sex offender.
- 19 <sup>1</sup>c. A juvenile who was serving a sentence in a State
- 20 correctional facility operated by the Juvenile Justice Commission
- 21 <u>during the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency</u>
- 22 <u>declared by the Governor in Executive Order 103 of 2020</u>
- 23 concerning the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic shall receive
- 24 public health emergency credits in accordance with section 1 of
- 25 P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- 27 <u>juvenile</u> scheduled to be released from the custody of the Juvenile
- 28 <u>Justice Commission following an award of public health emergency</u>
- 29 <u>credits</u> <sup>3</sup>[pursuant to] <sup>3</sup> pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , 30 <u>c. (C. )</u> (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be
- 31 released on the scheduled release date based on the award of public
- 32 <u>health emergency credits.</u>
- e. 2(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection d. of this
- 34 section <sup>3</sup>[and subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this
- 35 <u>subsection</u>]<sup>3</sup>, a juvenile scheduled to be released from the custody
- 36 of the Juvenile Justice Commission following an award of public
- 37 <u>health emergency credits pursuant to section 1 of P.L.</u>,
- 38 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) whose
- 39 scheduled release date is less than 45 days after the effective date of
- 40 P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
- 41 <u>shall be released within 45 days after the effective date, in order to</u>
- 42 <u>allow the Juvenile Justice Commission to devise and implement a</u>
- 43 release plan for the juvenile and arrange for services to be provided
- 44 <u>to the juvenile upon release.</u>

1	(2) <sup>2</sup> A juvenile who is <sup>3</sup> [scheduled to be released <sup>2</sup> [on or within
2	five days following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. )
3	(pending before the Legislature as this bill) in accordance with
4	paragraph (1) of this subsection <sup>2</sup> shall be released either on the date
5	of the entry of an order entered pursuant to section <sup>2</sup> [9] 8 <sup>2</sup> of
6	P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
7	or the date <sup>2</sup> [the prosecutor notifies] <sup>2</sup> the court <sup>2</sup> determines <sup>2</sup> that
8	no order shall be entered <sup>2</sup> [pursuant to subsection b. of section 8 of
9	P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
10	because there is no identifiable victim of the crime for which the
11	juvenile is serving a sentence <sup>2</sup> , whichever occurs sooner; however,
12	under no circumstances shall the juvenile be released later than
13	<sup>2</sup> [five] fifty <sup>2</sup> days following the effective date] released from
14	custody following an award of public health emergency credits
15	pursuant to this section shall be prohibited from making contact
16	with a victim as set forth in section 5 <sup>3</sup> of P.L., c. (C.)
17	(pending before the Legislature as this bill) 3, which prohibition
18	shall remain in force until the time that the juvenile was scheduled
19	to be released prior to the award of public health emergency
20	credits <sup>3</sup> .
21	f. The Prior to releasing a juvenile from the custody of the
22	Juvenile Justice Commission following an award of public health
23	emergency credits pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. )
24	(pending before the Legislature as this bill), the Executive Director
25	of the Juvenile Justice Commission shall <sup>3</sup> [provide a copy of any
26	order entered]:
27	(1) notify the juvenile in writing of the prohibition against
28	making contact with any victim of the crime for which the juvenile
29	was serving a sentence pursuant to section 2 [9] 3 [82] 5 of
30	P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
31	<sup>3</sup> Lto the juvenile prior to the juvenile's release from the custody of
32	the Juvenile Justice Commission];
33	(2) notify the juvenile that a violation of the prohibition against
34	contact with the victim is a crime of the fourth degree; and
35	(3) require the juvenile to acknowledge in writing the receipt of
36	the notifications provided pursuant to this subsection <sup>3</sup> .
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38	<sup>2</sup> [14.] 3. <sup>2</sup> (New section) a. The Commissioner of Corrections
39	shall immediately identify any inmate who is scheduled to be released
10	from custody within <sup>2</sup> [12 months] 365 days <sup>2</sup> as a result of the award
11	of public health emergency credits pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c.

b. <sup>2</sup>[The] Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Commissioner of Corrections shall provide notice to the <sup>3</sup>[appropriate court and to the]<sup>3</sup> prosecutor of the county in which the

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- **S2519** [4R] 1 inmate was convicted or the Attorney General if the matter was 2 prosecuted by the Attorney General. The notice shall include: 3 (1) the name of any inmate who is scheduled to be released from 4 the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections within <sup>2</sup>[12 months] 5 365 days<sup>2</sup> as a result of the award of public health emergency credits; (2) the date on which the inmate is scheduled to be released from 6 7 custody based on the award of public health emergency credits; and 8 (3) the date on which the inmate was scheduled to be released 9 from custody prior to the award of public health emergency credits. 10 c. The Commissioner of Corrections shall make available to the 11 public on the Internet website of the Department of Corrections, in 12 both English and Spanish, information concerning: (1) the procedures for filing an application for a <sup>3</sup>[final]<sup>3</sup> 13 restraining order pursuant to the "Prevention of Domestic Violence 14 Act of 1991," P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17 et seq.); 15 (2) resources for victims of domestic violence; and 16 (3) procedures <sup>3</sup>established by the court <sup>3</sup> for filing a petition to 17 dissolve <sup>3</sup>[an order entered pursuant to] the prohibition established 18 pursuant<sup>3</sup> section <sup>2</sup>[6] 5<sup>2</sup> of P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the 19 Legislature as this bill) <sup>3</sup>prohibiting an inmate from making contact 20 with any victim of the crime for which the inmate is serving a 21 sentence<sup>3</sup>.1 22 23 <sup>2</sup>[15.] 4.<sup>2</sup> (New section) a. Upon receipt of notice from the 24 Commissioner of Corrections that an inmate is scheduled to be 25 released from custody within <sup>2</sup>[12 months] 365 days<sup>2</sup> based on the 26 award of public health emergency credits pursuant to section 1 of 27 P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the 28 prosecutor or Attorney General <sup>2</sup>[shall, not less than five days] may,<sup>2</sup> 29 30 prior to the inmate's scheduled release date:

  - (1) use any reasonable means available to notify any identifiable victim of the crime for which the inmate is incarcerated of the inmate's scheduled release date;

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- (2) notify the identifiable victim that <sup>3</sup>[an order will be entered prohibiting 13 the law prohibits the inmate from having any contact with the victim <sup>2</sup>[unless the victim requests that an order not be entered 12 unless a petition is filed with the court to dissolve the prohibition<sup>3</sup>;
- (3) notify the victim of the <sup>3</sup>[date that the order <sup>2</sup>[, if entered,]<sup>2</sup> 39 will expire duration of the prohibition against contact<sup>3</sup>; 40
- (4) notify the victim of the penalties imposed for the inmate's 41 violation of the <sup>3</sup>[order] prohibition against contact<sup>3</sup>; 42
- 43 (5) provide information to the victim concerning the procedures for filing a petition <sup>3</sup>with the court <sup>3</sup> to dissolve <sup>3</sup> [an order prohibiting] 44 the prohibition against the inmate [from] having [any] contact 45 46 with the victim; and

1 (6) provide information to the victim concerning the procedures for filing an application for a <sup>3</sup>[final]<sup>3</sup> restraining order pursuant to 2 the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991," P.L.1991, c.261 3 4 (C.2C:25-17 et seq.), and resources for victims of domestic violence. 5 b. <sup>3</sup>[The prosecutor or Attorney General, as appropriate, shall immediately notify the court <sup>2</sup>[and the Department of Corrections 6 7 whether: 8 (1) of the identity of any identifiable victim who shall be the 9 subject of<sup>2</sup> an order prohibiting the inmate from having any contact with the victim <sup>2</sup>[shall be entered, based on the prosecutor's contact 10 with the victim or the prosecutor's inability to contact the victim; or 11 12 (2) an order prohibiting the inmate from having any contact with the victim shall not be entered based on a request by the victim ]<sup>2</sup>. 13 c.]<sup>3</sup> The Attorney General shall make available to the public on 14 the Internet website of the Department of Law and Public Safety, in 15 16 both English and Spanish, information concerning: (1) the procedures for filing an application for a <sup>3</sup>[final]<sup>3</sup> 17 18 restraining order pursuant to the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991," P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17 et seq.); 19 20 (2) resources for victims of domestic violence; and (3) procedures for filing <sup>3</sup>with the court <sup>3</sup> a petition to dissolve 21 <sup>3</sup>[an order entered pursuant to] the prohibition established pursuant 22 to<sup>3</sup> section <sup>2</sup>[6] 5<sup>2</sup> of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the 23 Legislature as this bill) <sup>3</sup>prohibiting an inmate or juvenile, as the case 24 may be, from making contact with the victim<sup>3</sup>.<sup>1</sup> 25 26 <sup>2</sup>[16.] <sup>3</sup>[5.<sup>2</sup> (New section) a. <sup>2</sup>[Upon] Notwithstanding the 27 provisions of any law to the contrary, upon<sup>2</sup> receipt of notice from 28 the Department of Corrections pursuant to section <sup>2</sup>[4] 3<sup>2</sup> of 29 P.L. c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), 30 and notice from the prosecutor pursuant to section <sup>2</sup>[5] 4<sup>2</sup> of 31 32 P.L. c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the 33 court shall enter an order in accordance with this section. b. The court shall enter an order prohibiting the inmate from 34 having any contact with <sup>2</sup>[an] any identifiable victim <sup>2</sup>[if: 35 36 (1) the prosecutor notifies the court that an identifiable victim 37 does not oppose the entry of an order; or (2) the prosecutor was unable to contact the identifiable 38 39 victim ]2. c. Any order entered pursuant to subsection b. of this section 40 41 shall 2: (1)<sup>2</sup> expire on the date, as provided by the Commissioner of 42 Corrections pursuant to section <sup>2</sup>[4] 3<sup>2</sup> of P.L. c. (C. ) 43 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), that the inmate was 44 scheduled to be released prior to the award of public health 45 emergency credits <sup>2</sup>; and 46

- 1 (2) include information concerning the procedures for filing a petition to dissolve the order<sup>2</sup>.
- d. The court shall provide a copy of any order entered pursuant to subsection b. of this section to the commissioner immediately upon entry of the order but no later than the date on which the inmate is scheduled to be released pursuant to section 1 of P.L. c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
  - e. An inmate shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree if the inmate purposely or knowingly violates an order entered pursuant to subsection b. of this section. <sup>1</sup>1<sup>3</sup>

- <sup>3</sup>5. (New section) a. An inmate who is released from the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections or a juvenile who is released from the custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission following an award of public health emergency credits pursuant to section 1 of P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), from the date of release until the date the inmate or juvenile, as the case may be, was scheduled to be released prior to the award of public health emergency credits, shall be prohibited from purposely or knowingly making contact with any victim of the crime for which the inmate or juvenile was serving a sentence.
- For purposes of this subsection, making contact with a victim shall include contact made personally by the inmate or juvenile, as the case may be, or through an agent, and shall include but not be limited to: personal, written, electronic, or telephone contact or communication; or entering the residence, property, school, or place of employment of the victim.
- b. A violation of subsection a. of this section shall be a crime of the fourth degree.
- c. (1) A petition may be filed with the court to dissolve the prohibition established pursuant to the provisions this section prohibiting an inmate or juvenile, as the case may be, from making contact with the victim in accordance with procedures established by the court.
- (2) The Director of the Administrative Director of the Courts shall provide the Department of Corrections, Juvenile Justice Commission, and Attorney General with information concerning the procedures established by the court for filing a petition to dissolve the prohibition established pursuant to this section prohibiting an inmate or juvenile, as the case may be, from making contact with any victim of the crime for which the inmate or juvenile was serving a sentence.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>7.] 6.<sup>2</sup> (New section) a. The Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission shall immediately identify any juvenile who is scheduled to be released from the custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission within <sup>2</sup>[twelve months] 365 days<sup>2</sup> as a result of

- the award of public health emergency credits pursuant to section 1 of P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- b. <sup>2</sup>[The] Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary,
  the<sup>2</sup> Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission shall
  provide notice to the <sup>3</sup>[appropriate court and to the]<sup>3</sup> prosecutor of the
  county in which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent or the
  Attorney General if the matter was prosecuted by the Attorney
  General. The notice shall include:
  - (1) the name of any juvenile who <sup>2</sup>, due to the expiration of the juvenile's term of commitment, <sup>2</sup> is scheduled to be released from the custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission within <sup>2</sup> [twelve months] 365 days <sup>2</sup> as a result of the award of public health emergency credits;

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- (2) the date on which the juvenile is scheduled to be released from custody based on the award of public health emergency credits; and
- (3) the date on which the juvenile was scheduled to be released from custody prior to the award of public health emergency credits.
  - c. The Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission shall make available to the public on the Internet website of the Juvenile Justice Commission, in both English and Spanish, information concerning:
- (1) the procedures for filing an application for a <sup>3</sup>[final]<sup>3</sup> restraining order pursuant to the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991," P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17 et seq.);
  - (2) resources for victims of domestic violence; and
- (3) procedures for filing <sup>3</sup>with the court <sup>3</sup> a petition to dissolve <sup>3</sup>[an order entered pursuant to] the prohibition established pursuant to <sup>3</sup> section <sup>2</sup>[9] <sup>3</sup>[8<sup>2</sup>] 5<sup>3</sup> of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) <sup>3</sup>prohibiting a juvenile from making contact with any victim of the crime for which the juvenile was serving a sentence <sup>3</sup>. <sup>1</sup>

34 <u>Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission that a juvenile</u>

- 35 <u>is scheduled to be released from the custody of the Juvenile Justice</u>
- Commission within <sup>2</sup>[12 months] 365 days<sup>2</sup> based on the award of public health emergency credits pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c.
- 38 (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the prosecutor or
- Attorney General, <sup>2</sup>[not less than five days]<sup>2</sup> prior to the juvenile's scheduled release date <sup>2</sup>[shall], may<sup>2</sup>:
- 41 **3** [(1)] a. 3 use any reasonable means available to notify any 42 identifiable victim of the crime for which the juvenile is serving a 43 sentence in a State correctional facility operated by the Juvenile Justice 44 Commission of the juvenile's scheduled release date;
- 45 \*\*I(2)] b.\*\* notify the identifiable victim that \*\*Ian order will be entered prohibiting] the law prohibits\*\* the juvenile from having any

contact with the victim <sup>2</sup>[unless the victim requests that an order not 1 be entered 2 unless a petition is filed with the court to dissolve the 2 prohibition in accordance with the procedures established by the 3 court<sup>3</sup>; 4 5 <sup>3</sup>[(3)] c. <sup>3</sup> notify the victim of the <sup>3</sup>[date that the order <sup>2</sup>[, if entered, ]<sup>2</sup> will expire ] duration of the prohibition against the juvenile 6 7 having contact with the victim<sup>3</sup>; <sup>3</sup>[(4)] d. <sup>3</sup> notify the victim of the penalties imposed for the 8 juvenile's violation of the <sup>3</sup>[order] prohibition against contact<sup>3</sup>; 9 <sup>3</sup>[(5)] e. <sup>3</sup> provide information to the victim concerning how <sup>3</sup>[the 10 victim may file ] <sup>3</sup> a petition <sup>3</sup>may be filed with the court <sup>3</sup> to dissolve 11 <sup>3</sup>[an order prohibiting] the prohibition against the juvenile [from] <sup>3</sup> 12 having <sup>3</sup> [any] <sup>3</sup> contact with the victim; and 13 <sup>3</sup>[(6)] f. <sup>3</sup> provide information to the victim concerning the 14 procedures for filing an application for a <sup>3</sup>[final]<sup>3</sup> restraining order 15 pursuant to the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991," 16 P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17 et seq.), and resources for victims of 17 domestic violence. 18 <sup>3</sup>[b. The prosecutor or Attorney General, as appropriate, shall 19 immediately notify the court and the Juvenile Justice Commission 20 21 <sup>2</sup>[whether: 22 (1) of the identity of any identifiable victim who shall be the subject of<sup>2</sup> an order prohibiting the juvenile from having any contact 23 with the victim <sup>2</sup>[shall be entered, based on the prosecutor's contact 24 with the victim or the prosecutor's inability to contact the victim; or 25 26 (2) an order prohibiting the juvenile from having any contact with the victim shall not be entered based on a request by the victim **]**<sup>2</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**]**<sup>3</sup> 27 28 <sup>2</sup>[19.] <sup>3</sup>[8.<sup>2</sup> (New section) a. Upon receipt of notice from the 29 Department of Corrections pursuant to section <sup>2</sup>[7] 6<sup>2</sup> of 30 P.L. c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and 31 notice from the prosecutor pursuant to section <sup>2</sup>[8] 7<sup>2</sup> of 32 P.L. c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the 33 court shall enter an order in accordance with this section. 34 b. The court shall enter an order prohibiting the juvenile from 35 having any contact with <sup>2</sup>[an] any identifiable victim <sup>2</sup>[if: 36 37 (1) the prosecutor notifies the court that an identifiable victim does not oppose the entry of an order; or 38 39 (2) the prosecutor was unable to contact the identifiable victim ]2 . 40 c. Any order entered pursuant to subsection b. of this section 41 shall 2: 42 (1)<sup>2</sup> expire on the date, as provided by the Executive Director of 43 the Juvenile Justice Commission pursuant to section <sup>2</sup>[7] 6<sup>2</sup> of 44 P.L. c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), that 45

- the juvenile was scheduled to be released prior to the award of public health emergency credits <sup>2</sup>; and
  - (2) include information concerning the procedures for filing a petition to dissolve the order<sup>2</sup>.
  - d. The court shall provide a copy of any order entered pursuant to subsection b. of this section to the Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission immediately upon entry of the order but no later than the date on which the juvenile is scheduled to be
- 9 released pursuant to section <sup>2</sup>[3] 2<sup>2</sup> of P.L. c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- e. A juvenile shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree if the juvenile purposely or knowingly violates an order entered pursuant to subsection b. of this section. <sup>1</sup>]<sup>3</sup>

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- <sup>3</sup>8. (New section) a. Whenever a public health emergency, pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), has been declared by the Governor and is in effect, the term of supervision of a parolee shall be reduced by the award of public health emergency credits pursuant to this section if the public health emergency arises as a result of a communicable or infectious disease.
- b. Except as provided in subsection d. of this section, public health emergency credits shall be awarded to any person who is serving a sentence of parole supervision if the full maximum term for which the parolee was sentenced, or the term authorized by the parolee's disposition, expires within 365 days.
  - c. The public health emergency credits awarded pursuant to this section shall reduce the term of supervision of a parolee at the rate of 122 days for each month, or portion thereof, served during the declared emergency. A parolee shall not be awarded public health emergency credits in excess of 244 days of remission for any declared emergency.
- 33 <u>d. Public health emergency credits shall not be awarded to a</u> 34 <u>parolee who has been sentenced to a special sentence of community</u> 35 <u>supervision for life or parole supervision for life.</u>
  - e. A parolee for whom a warrant has been issued by the State Parole Board and parole revocation proceedings have been initiated shall be ineligible to receive public health emergency credits.
- f. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit a parolee's
   eligibility to receive parole compliance credits pursuant to section 5
   of P.L.2019, c.364 (C.30:4-123.55e).

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- <sup>3</sup>9. Section 5 of P.L.2019, c.364 (C.30:4-123.55e) is amended to read as follows:
- 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of section 7 of P.L.1979, c.441 (C.30:4-123.51), any person granted parole, except a person serving a parole term set forth in subsection c. of

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section 2 of P.L.1997, c.117 (C.2C:43-7.2) or section 2 of P.L.1994, c.130 (C.2C:43-6.4), shall have the parole term reduced by parole compliance credits at a rate of one day for every six days of parole supervision the person has completed.

Credits awarded pursuant to this section shall cease to accrue upon the issuance of a warrant by the State Parole Board and initiation of parole revocation proceedings. Any credits earned pursuant to this section shall be forfeited upon the revocation of parole.

Any compliance credits awarded pursuant to this section based on actions for which parole revocation proceedings were initiated, but did not result in a revocation of parole and return to custody, shall be forfeited upon a determination by the board panel or board that the actions for which compliance credits were awarded violated a condition of parole.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit a parolee's eligibility to receive public health emergency credits pursuant to section 8 of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

(cf. P.L.2019, c.364, s.5)

<sup>1</sup>[4.] <sup>2</sup>[10.<sup>1</sup>] <sup>3</sup>[9.<sup>2</sup>] 10.<sup>3</sup> This act shall take effect immediately] on the <sup>2</sup>[sixth] sixteenth<sup>2</sup> day <sup>2</sup>next<sup>2</sup> following the date of enactment; however, the Commissioner of Corrections, Attorney General, Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission, <sup>3</sup>Chairman of the State Parole Board, <sup>3</sup> and Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts shall take any anticipatory action necessary in advance thereof to effectuate the purposes of this <sup>2</sup>[bill<sup>1</sup>] act<sup>2</sup>.

Requires public health emergency credits to be awarded to certain inmates and parolees during public health emergency; prohibits contact with victim upon release of inmate awarded credits.