

§§2,4&5 -
C.30:1B-6.15 to
30:1B-6.17
§3 - T&E & Note
to C.30:1B-6.2

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** ¹**[30]** ¹**10** 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:

¹Assembly 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] ¹[three-month] two-week¹ 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 ¹issued by the New Jersey
31 Motor Vehicle Commission¹ to each inmate, free of charge, as soon
32 as practicable, but not less than ¹[45] 10¹ 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 ¹[Governor orders]¹ Motor Vehicle Commission
38 agencies ¹[to close] are closed¹ 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 ¹[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 emergency¹.

1 ¹3. (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;

10 (3) general written information on the availability of programs,
11 including faith-based and secular programs, that would assist in
12 removing barriers to the inmate's employment or participation in
13 vocational or educational rehabilitative programs, including but not
14 limited to information concerning the "Rehabilitated Convicted
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;

28 (9) a three-month supply of prescription medication;

29 (10) general written information concerning child support,
30 including child support payments owed by the inmate, information
31 on how to seek child support payments and information on where to
32 seek services regarding child support, child custody, and
33 establishing parentage; and

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. ¹

¹3. (New section) 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.¹

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

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

¹5] 4.¹ (New section) ¹a.¹ The Commissioner of Corrections shall ¹[complete and forward] ensure that an inmate is assisted with completing and forwarding¹ for processing to the ¹[appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services] Department of Human Services¹ as soon as practicable but not less than ¹[45] 30¹ days prior to an inmate's release from incarceration ¹[applications] , an online application¹ for enrollment in ¹[applicable social service programs, including but not limited to: a.] 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:

1 (1)¹ 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.)¹【.】¹;

4 ¹【b.】 and

5 (2)¹ the Work First New Jersey program, established pursuant to
6 P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.), which shall include ¹, for
7 inmates who are unable to identify a residence at the time of release.¹
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)¹【; and】.¹

11 c. ¹【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 section¹.

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

24 (1) the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, established
25 pursuant to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.88-
26 525 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.);

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

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

31 b. If an inmate is at any time scheduled for release from a
32 county correctional facility in less than 30 days, the superintendent
33 shall comply with the provisions of subsection a. of this section at
34 least 48 hours prior to the inmate's release.】¹

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36 ¹【7.】¹ 5.¹ (New section) The Commissioner of Corrections
37 shall provide to the appropriate county welfare agency or board of
38 social services, in advance of an inmate's release, the inmate's
39 name, release date, and contact information, which shall include,
40 but not be limited to, a telephone number or an email address.

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42 ¹【8. (New section) The chief executive officer, warden, or
43 keeper of each county correctional facility shall provide to the
44 appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services, in
45 advance of an inmate's release, the inmate's name, release date, and
46 contact information, which shall include, but not be limited to, a
47 telephone number or an email address.】¹

1 ¹**【9.】** 6.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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6 Assists inmates released from incarceration in obtaining
7 necessary reentry benefits.