

**SENATE, No. 415**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Division of Parole to offer parole services to certain defendants who have served their maximum sentence.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee with technical review.



1    **AN ACT** concerning defendants who serve their maximum sentence  
2       and supplementing P.L.1979, c.441.

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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.   a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
8       a defendant who has served the maximum term of imprisonment shall,  
9       upon request, be offered the same assistance available to a defendant  
10      released on parole pursuant to the procedures and standards set forth in  
11      section 15 of P.L.1979, c.441 (C.30:4-123.59).

12      b. The Commissioner of Corrections shall advise a defendant who  
13      has served the maximum term of imprisonment of the assistance to  
14      which the defendant is entitled pursuant to subsection a. of this section  
15      prior to the defendant's release from incarceration and provide contact  
16      information necessary to access available resources.

17      c. The State Parole Board shall include in its annual report the  
18      number of defendants who request services pursuant to subsection a.  
19      of this section, a summary of the particular assistance received, and the  
20      recidivism rates of these defendants.

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22      2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month  
23      after enactment.