

**SENATE, No. 3005**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires subsistence vouchers issued to county inmates upon release be accepted in every county.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning county inmates and supplementing Title 30 of  
2 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. A voucher authorizing receipt of subsistence benefits  
8 including, but not limited to, housing, food, and health benefits,  
9 issued to an inmate released from any county correctional facility in  
10 this State shall be accepted by every county agency in the State. A  
11 county agency shall not deny the county inmate any benefit  
12 authorized by a voucher to which a county inmate is otherwise  
13 entitled on the grounds that the correctional facility from which the  
14 inmate was released is located in another county.

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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19 STATEMENT

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21 This bill requires every county agency in the State to accept  
22 vouchers for housing, food, and medical benefits issued to inmates  
23 upon release from a county correctional facility regardless of the  
24 location of that facility.

25 The bill specifically requires vouchers authorizing receipt of  
26 subsistence benefits including, but not limited to, housing, food,  
27 and health benefits, issued to inmates released from county  
28 correctional facilities to be accepted by every county throughout the  
29 State. The bill prohibits a county agency from denying the county  
30 inmate these benefits on the grounds that the facility from which the  
31 inmate was released is located in another county.

32 According to the sponsor, certain counties are refusing to accept  
33 vouchers for subsistence benefits from inmates who are released  
34 from a correctional facility outside that county.