

SENATE, No. 2049

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator CIESLA

1 AN ACT concerning public assistance recipients and supplementing  
2 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. If a single person without dependent children or a member of a  
8 couple without dependent children who is a recipient of benefits under  
9 the Work First New Jersey program established pursuant to P.L.1997,  
10 c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.) is incarcerated in a county jail or place of  
11 detention, county workhouse or county penitentiary, the warden,  
12 administrator, sheriff or other person in charge of the county jail or  
13 place of detention, county workhouse or county penitentiary, or his  
14 designee, shall notify immediately the director of welfare of the  
15 municipality or county, as appropriate, which administers the  
16 recipient's benefits.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill requires that if a single person without dependent children  
24 or a member of a couple without dependent children who is a recipient  
25 of benefits under the Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) program  
26 established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.) is  
27 incarcerated in a county jail or place of detention, county workhouse  
28 or county penitentiary, the warden, administrator, sheriff or other  
29 person in charge of the county jail or place of detention, county  
30 workhouse or county penitentiary, or his designee, shall notify  
31 immediately the welfare agency which administers the recipient's  
32 WFNJ benefits.

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34 Presently, there is no form of notification to the local welfare  
35 agency if a recipient of public assistance is incarcerated. In some  
36 instances, public assistance funds for housing costs could be spent on  
37 a welfare recipient while he is incarcerated. This legislation is  
designed to address this situation by requiring the necessary

1 notification.

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6 Requires correctional authorities to notify welfare directors if certain

7 Work First New Jersey recipients are incarcerated.