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**SENATE, No. 415**

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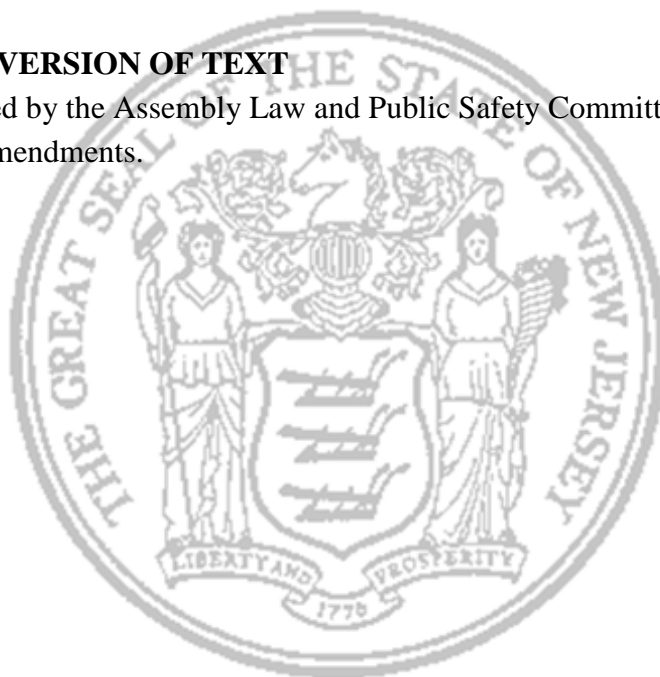
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires reentry assistance to be provided to certain inmates who have served their maximum sentence.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee on March 8, 2021, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning <sup>1</sup>**[defendants]** inmates<sup>1</sup> who serve their  
 2 maximum sentence and supplementing <sup>1</sup>**[P.L.1979, c.441]** Title  
 3 30 of the Revised Statutes<sup>1</sup> .

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

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 8 1. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
 9 contrary, <sup>1</sup>**[a defendant who has served]** an inmate serving<sup>1</sup> the  
 10 maximum term of imprisonment shall, upon request, be offered  
 11 <sup>1</sup>**[the same]** reentry<sup>1</sup> assistance <sup>1</sup>**[available to a defendant released**  
 12 **on parole pursuant to the procedures and standards set forth in**  
 13 **section 15 of P.L.1979, c.441 (C.30:4-123.59)]** from a non-profit  
 14 inmate reentry service provider contracted by the Department of  
 15 Community Affairs.<sup>1</sup>

16 b. The Commissioner of Corrections shall advise <sup>1</sup>**[a**  
 17 **defendant]** an inmate<sup>1</sup> who <sup>1</sup>**[has served the]** is scheduled to be  
 18 released following<sup>1</sup> the maximum term of imprisonment of the  
 19 assistance to which the defendant is entitled pursuant to subsection  
 20 a. of this section

21 <sup>1</sup>**[prior to the defendant's release from incarceration]** at least six  
 22 months prior to the inmate's release date.

23 In addition to any other requirements under current law related to  
 24 the provision of information and services to inmates, the  
 25 commissioner shall provide the inmate with information concerning  
 26 non-profit inmate reentry organizations contracted to provide  
 27 reentry assistance pursuant to subsection a. of this section, and<sup>1</sup>  
 28 provide contact information necessary to access available resources.

29 c. The <sup>1</sup>**[State Parole Board shall include in its annual report**  
 30 **the number of defendants who request services pursuant to**  
 31 **subsection a. of this section, a summary of the particular assistance**  
 32 **received, and the recidivism rates of these defendants]**  
 33 commissioner shall allow a non-profit service provider to  
 34 communicate with an inmate who requests reentry services pursuant  
 35 to subsection a. of this section prior to the inmate's release date in  
 36 order assess the needs of the inmate<sup>1</sup> .

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

**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>1</sup>Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted March 8, 2021.