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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 5, 2024
Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2522

House Bill 2522, As Amended by House Committee, requires the secretary of corrections to prepare inmates for release from custody and assist with gathering identification documentation.

The bill creates a new section of law that requires the secretary, within 9 months prior to the release of an inmate, to determine whether the inmate has current versions of certain documentation. If the secretary finds the inmate does not have a copy of their birth certificate or a social security card, the secretary shall make a reasonable effort to provide the inmate with that documentation. If the secretary finds the inmate does not have an identification card, their vocational training record, their work record, any educational certifications or diplomas, or a current resume, the secretary shall provide the inmate with that documentation. The secretary shall coordinate with state agencies as necessary to gather the documentation, and all state agencies shall coordinate with the secretary to implement the provisions of the section.

The new section does not apply to inmates who are going to be released to the custody of another jurisdiction on a warrant or detainer or to inmates who are determined by the secretary to be physically or mentally unable to return to the workforce when released from custody.

The bill would take effect from and after publication in the statute book, July 1, 2024.