

HOUSE BILL No. 2653

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Requested by Jennifer King on behalf of the Department of Corrections

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AN ACT concerning the secretary of corrections; relating to release of offenders; requiring the secretary to assist inmates with obtaining identification and employment-related documentation prior to release from custody.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) (1) Within nine months prior to the release of an inmate from the custody of the secretary of corrections, the secretary shall identify whether such inmate has current versions of the documentation described in paragraphs (2) and (3). If such inmate does not have the documentation described in paragraph (2), the secretary shall make a reasonable effort to provide the inmate with such documentation. If such inmate does not have the documentation described in paragraph (3), the secretary of corrections shall provide such documentation to the inmate. The secretary shall coordinate with state agencies as necessary to obtain such documentation on behalf of such inmate. All state agencies shall coordinate with the secretary of corrections to implement the provisions of this section.

(2) The secretary shall make reasonable effort to provide each inmate with:

(A) A certified copy of a birth certificate;
(B) a social security card or replacement social security card; and
(C) a driver's license issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-243, and amendments thereto, if eligible, or an identification card issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1324 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(3) The secretary shall provide each inmate with:

(A) The vocational training record of the inmate, if applicable;
(B) the work record of the inmate, if applicable;
(C) any educational certifications or diplomas received by the inmate, if applicable; and

(D) a resume that includes any trade or skills learned by the inmate.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to inmates who are:

(1) To be released to the custody of another jurisdiction on a warrant or detainer; or

(2) physically or mentally unable to return to the workforce when released from the custody of the secretary as determined by the secretary.

1 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
2 publication in the statute book.