

HOUSE BILL No. 2522

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Requested by Representative Owens

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1 AN ACT concerning the secretary of corrections; relating to release of
2 offenders; requiring the secretary to assist inmates with obtaining
3 identification and employment related documentation prior to release
4 from custody.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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

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

20 (A) A certified copy of a birth certificate; and

21 (B) a social security card or replacement social security card.

22 (3) The secretary shall provide each inmate with:

23 (A) A certificate of identification for use under K.S.A. 8-246, and
24 amendments thereto;

25 (B) the vocational training record of the inmate, if applicable;

26 (C) the work record of the inmate, if applicable;

27 (D) any educational certifications or diplomas received by the inmate,
28 if applicable; and

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

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

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

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

35 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

- 1 publication in the statute book.