

## CHAPTER 191

AN ACT concerning information provided to inmates before release and amending P.L.2009, c.329.

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

1. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.329 (C.30:1B-6.2) is amended to read as follows:

C.30:1B-6.2 Information provided to inmate prior to release; rules, regulations.

2. The Commissioner of Corrections shall provide to each inmate at least ten days prior to release from a State correctional facility:

a. A copy of the inmate's criminal history record and written information on the inmate's right to have his criminal records expunged under chapter 52 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes;

b. General written information on the inmate's right to vote under R.S.19:4-1;

c. General written information on the availability of programs, including faith-based and secular programs, that would assist in removing barriers to the inmate's employment or participation in vocational or educational rehabilitative programs, including, but not limited to information concerning the "Rehabilitated Convicted Offenders Act," P.L.1968, c.282 (C.2A:168A-1 et seq.) and the certificate of rehabilitation under P.L.2007, c.327 (C.2A:168A-7 et seq.);

d. A detailed written record of the inmate's participation in educational, training, employment, and medical or other treatment programs while the inmate was incarcerated;

e. A written accounting of the fines, assessments, surcharges, restitution, penalties, child support arrearages, and any other obligations due and payable by the inmate upon release;

f. A non-driver identification card, which shall be issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and for which the Motor Vehicle Commission shall accept a former inmate's Department of Corrections identification card to have a two-point value in applying for the non-driver identification card;

g. A copy of the inmate's birth certificate if the inmate was born in New Jersey;

h. Assistance in obtaining a Social Security card;

i. A one-day New Jersey bus or rail pass;

j. A two-week supply of prescription medication;

k. General written information concerning child support, including child support payments owed by the inmate, information on how to seek child support payments and information on where to seek services regarding child support, child custody, and establishing parentage; and

l. (1) A medical discharge summary, which shall include instructions on how to obtain from the commissioner a copy of the inmate's full medical record. Upon request from the inmate, the commissioner shall provide a copy of the inmate's full medical record in a safe and secure manner, at no charge to the inmate.

(2) Within 90 days of the effective date of this act, the commissioner, in consultation with the State Board of Medical Examiners, shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to ensure that these records are expeditiously and securely provided, in a manner consistent with the provision of medical records by other providers.

2. This act shall take effect immediately, but the Commissioner of Corrections may take such anticipatory action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

Approved January 17, 2012.