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SYNOPSIS
Expands scope of inmate reentry assistance and benefits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As amended on December 2, 2021 by the Senate pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.
AN ACT concerning services for certain inmates and amending and
supplementing various parts of the statutory law.

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:
2. The Commissioner of Corrections shall provide to each
inmate at least 10 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
      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. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2020, c.45)
   g. 1[1][A copy of the inmate's birth certificate if the inmate was
      born in New Jersey;][2][Deleted by amendment, P.L.   , c.   ]
      (pending before the Legislature as this bill) 1 A copy of the inmate's
      birth certificate, as issued by the Department of Health, Office of Vital
      Statistics, if the inmate was born in New Jersey; 3
   h. Assistance in obtaining a Social Security card;
   i. A one-day New Jersey bus or rail pass;
      supply of prescription medication 3[2], a three-month supply of
      prescription mediation 3[2] and 3[2] to the extent consistent with
      [two-week] 2[three-month] 3[30-day] two-week 3

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

1. (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.

A benefits card approved for the purpose of obtaining benefits under the:

(1) Medicaid program, established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.);

(2) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.88-525 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.); and

(3) Work First New Jersey program, established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.), which shall include, for inmates who are unable to identify a residence at the time of release, emergency assistance benefits issued to Work First New Jersey recipients pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1997, c.14 (C.44:10-51).]

(cf: P.L.2020, c.45, s.1)

12. (New section) The Commissioner of Corrections shall provide to each inmate, upon request, at least [60] 180 days prior to release from a State correctional facility, assistance with obtaining a copy of the inmate's birth certificate as issued by the Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, if the inmate was born in New Jersey. The commissioner shall ensure that all inmates who were born in New Jersey are notified of their ability to obtain the commissioner's assistance in accessing
but not less than 10 days prior to the inmate's release from a State
correctional facility. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
shall issue the identification card and accept a former inmate's
Department of Corrections identification card as two points for the
purposes of applying for the identification card.

   b. An inmate's Department of Corrections identification card
shall be accepted by all State, county, and municipal agencies and
New Jersey nonprofit organizations for six months following the
date of release from incarceration to allow the released inmate to
gain access to services for which the inmate is deemed eligible
including, but not limited to, establishing the inmate's identity.

   [Whenever the] c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
b. of this section, whenever Motor Vehicle Commission agencies
are closed during a declared public health emergency, pursuant to
1 et seq.), a state of emergency, pursuant to P.L.1942, c.251
(C.App.A:9-33 et seq.), or both, the inmate's Department of
Corrections identification card shall be accepted by all State,
county, and municipal agencies and New Jersey [nonprofits]
nonprofit organizations in a manner as to allow the [releasee]
released inmate to gain access to services for which [they are] the
inmate is deemed eligible for the duration of the public health
emergency.
(cf: P.L.2020, c.45, s.2)

4. a. The Commissioner of Corrections shall ensure that an
inmate is assisted with completing, obtaining any required
signatures or authorizations for, and forwarding for processing to
the Department of Human Services as soon as practicable but not
less than 30 days prior to an inmate's release from incarceration, an
online application for enrollment in the Medicaid program,
established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

   b. In addition to the requirements of subsection a. of this
section, the Commissioner of Corrections shall also ensure that the
inmate is assisted in completing, obtaining any required signatures
or authorizations for, and forwarding for processing to the
appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services, as
soon as practicable but not less than 30 days prior to an inmate's
release from incarceration, online applications for enrollment in the
inmates who are unable to identify a residence at the time of release, the application for emergency assistance benefits issued to Work First New Jersey recipients pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1997, c.14 (C.44:10-51).

c. The Department of Human Services shall be required to accept and process the online applications for Medicaid received from the Department of Corrections pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

d. If an inmate is unable to identify a residence at the time of application for benefits pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of Corrections shall, with the inmate’s consent, ensure that the address of the [the] appropriate applicable Department of Community Affairs regional non-profit inmate reentry organization is used for the purposes of establishing proof of residence to meet any applicable eligibility requirements. The commissioner shall ensure that all inmates who are unable to identify a residence at the time of application for benefits are educated on their ability to select the address of the reentry organization as a residential address pursuant to this subsection.

e. All State, county, and municipal agencies, for the purposes of establishing applicable eligibility requirements, shall:

(1) accept the address of the appropriate applicable Department of Community Affairs regional non-profit inmate reentry organization for an inmate who is unable to identify a residence at the time of application for benefits in accordance with subsection d. of this section; and

(2) accept an inmate’s Department of Corrections identification card to establish the inmate’s identity.

f. An inmate who appears to be eligible for benefits under the Work First New Jersey program based on the inmate’s certification of income, resources, and family composition, and based on other information immediately available at the time of application, shall be deemed presumptively eligible for Work First New Jersey assistance and shall be screened for immediate need assistance and shall receive this assistance for a period of not less than 45 days following the inmate’s release from incarceration.

(cf: P.L.2020, c.45, s.4)
b. The commissioner shall provide to \text{the applicable regional[^2]} each[^1] the applicable Department of Community Affairs regional[^2] non-profit inmate[^3] reentry organization[^3] selected as a residential address pursuant to subsection d. of section 4 of this bill[^3] approved by the Department of Community Affairs[^1]^2, in advance of an inmate's release, the information required in subsection a. of this section[^1] unless the inmate requests that the information not be forwarded[^1].

(cf: P.L.2020, c.45, s.5)

[^1]: 5. 6. (New section) 2[.]a. 2 The chief executive officer, warden, or keeper of each county correctional facility shall provide to each inmate[^2] incarcerated for 90 days or longer[^2] at least 30 days prior to release from a facility:

2[^1](1) a. 2 a copy of the inmate's criminal history record and written information on the inmate's right to have the inmate’s criminal records expunged under chapter 52 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes;

2[^1](2) b. 2 general written information on the inmate's right to vote under R.S.19:4-1;

2[^1](3) c. 2 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.);

2[^1](4) d. 2 a detailed written record of the inmate's participation in educational, training, employment, and medical or other treatment programs while the inmate was incarcerated;

2[^1](5) e. 2 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;

2[^1](6) f. 2 a copy of the inmate's birth certificate if the inmate was born in New Jersey;

2[^1](7) g. 2 assistance in obtaining a Social Security card;

2[^1](8) h. 2 a one-day New Jersey bus or rail pass;

on how to seek child support payments and information on where to
seek services regarding child support, child custody, and
establishing parentage; 3 and 3
2[(11)] k. a medical discharge summary, which shall include
instructions on how to obtain from the superintendent a copy of the
inmate's full medical record; upon request from the inmate, the
superintendent shall provide a copy of the inmate's full medical
record in a safe and secure manner, at no charge to the inmate; the
superintendent shall comply with rules and regulations, adopted
pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
(C.52:14B-1 et seq.), that ensure that these records are
expeditiously and securely provided in a manner consistent with the
provision of medical records by other providers 3; and
2[(12)] l a benefits card approved for the purpose of obtaining
benefits under the:
2[(a)] (1) Medicaid program, established pursuant to P.L.1968,
c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.);
2[(b)] (2) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,
established pursuant to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of
2008," Pub.L.88-525 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.); and
2[(c)] (3) Work First New Jersey program, established pursuant
to P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.), which shall include, for
inmates who are unable to identify a residence at the time of
release, emergency assistance benefits issued to Work First New
Jersey recipients pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1997, c.14 (C.44:10-
51). 3
2b. If an inmate is at any time scheduled for release from a
county correctional facility in less than 30 days, the superintendent
shall comply with the provisions of subsection a. of this section at
least 48 hours prior to the inmate’s release. 2

27. (New section) There shall be annually appropriated to the
counties through the annual appropriations act such amounts as
shall be deemed necessary to cover the cost of the prescription
medicine required pursuant to the provisions of subsection i. of
section 6 of P.L. . c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as
this bill). 2

28. (New section) a. The chief executive officer, warden, or
keeper of each county correctional facility shall provide to the
provide to the applicable Department of Community Affairs regional non-profit inmate reentry organization selected as a residential address pursuant to subsection d. of section 4 of this bill, in advance of the release of an inmate who has been incarcerated for 90 days or longer, the information required in subsection a. of this section unless the inmate requests that the information not be forwarded.

1[6.] 2[7.] 9. (New section) a. The chief executive officer, warden, or keeper of each county correctional facility shall provide a non-driver identification card issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to each county inmate incarcerated for 90 days or longer, free of charge, as soon as practicable, but not less than 10 days prior to the inmate's release from the county correctional facility. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue the identification card and accept a former inmate's county correctional facility identification card as two points for the purposes of applying for the non-driver identification card.

b. An inmate's county correctional facility identification card shall be accepted by all State, county, and municipal agencies and New Jersey nonprofit organizations for six months following the date of release from incarceration to allow the released inmate to gain access to services for which the inmate is deemed eligible including, but not limited to, establishing the inmate's identity.

c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of this section, whenever the Motor Vehicle Commission agencies are closed during a declared public health emergency, pursuant to the Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), a state of emergency, pursuant to P.L.1942, c.251 (C.App.A:9-33 et seq.), or both, the inmate's Department of Corrections identification card shall be accepted by all State, county, and municipal agencies and New Jersey nonprofit organizations in a manner as to allow the released inmate to gain access to services for which they are deemed eligible for the duration of the public health emergency.

1[8.] 2[9.] 10. (New section) a. As soon as practicable but not less than 30 days prior to the release from incarceration of an inmate incarcerated for 90 days or longer, the chief executive officer, warden, or keeper of each county...
b. In addition to the requirements of subsection a. of this section, the chief executive officer, warden, or keeper also shall ensure that such inmate is assisted in completing, obtaining any required signatures or authorizations for, and forwarding for processing to the appropriate county welfare agency or board of social services, as soon as practicable but not less than 30 days prior to an inmate's release from incarceration, online applications for enrollment in the following programs:

(1) the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.88-525 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.); and

(2) the Work First New Jersey program, established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.), which shall include, for inmates who are unable to identify a residence at the time of release, the application for emergency assistance benefits issued to Work First New Jersey recipients pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1997, c.14 (C.44:10-51).

c. The Department of Human Services shall be required to accept and process the online applications for Medicaid received from the Department of Corrections county correctional facilities pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

d. If an inmate is unable to identify a residence at the time of application for benefits pursuant to this section, the chief executive officer, warden, or keeper of each county correctional facility with the inmate's consent shall ensure that the address of the appropriate regional non-profit reentry organization is used for the purposes of establishing proof of residence to meet any applicable eligibility requirements. The chief executive officer, warden, or keeper of each county correctional facility shall ensure that all inmates incarcerated for 90 days or longer are educated on their ability to select a reentry organization as a residential address pursuant to this subsection.

e. All State, county, and municipal agencies, for the purposes of establishing applicable eligibility requirements, shall:

(1) accept the address of the appropriate regional non-profit reentry organization for an inmate who is unable to identify a residence at the time of application for benefits; and

(2) accept an inmate's county correctional facility identification card to establish the inmate's identity.

f. An inmate who appears to be eligible for benefits under
not less than 45 days following the inmate’s release from incarceration.]^{3}

11. (New section) a. The governing body of each county in this State may, by duly adopted ordinance or resolution, appoint a county reentry coordinator who shall be responsible for evaluating the needs of, and navigating the appropriate treatment and services for, each inmate in a county correctional facility in this State.

b. The county reentry coordinator shall evaluate each inmate in a county correctional facility who has been sentenced to a term of incarceration or ordered detained pending trial following a pretrial detention hearing. The purpose of the evaluation shall be to:

(1) identify which social services and reentry and rehabilitative programs would benefit the inmate including, but not limited to, the WorkFirst NJ Substance Abuse Initiative;

(2) determine whether the inmate is eligible to apply for federal, State, and county public assistance program benefits including, but not limited to, State and federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, Medicaid, and housing assistance program benefits;

(3) determine whether the inmate would benefit from substance use disorder treatment including, but not limited to, medication-assisted treatment; and

(4) identify other appropriate treatment, services, and programs which would benefit the inmate.

c. The evaluation required pursuant to subsection b. of this section shall be conducted in conjunction with the clinical screening of inmates as part of the initial classification process.

d. The county reentry coordinator shall offer assistance to the inmate in accessing any services deemed appropriate for the inmate, based on the evaluation conducted pursuant to subsection b. of this section, by:

(1) assisting the inmate with scheduling and otherwise accessing appropriate treatment, services, and programming upon the inmate’s release from the facility;

(2) providing information concerning, and assistance in completing, applications for appropriate State and county public assistance program benefits which shall include, but not be limited to, State and federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, Medicaid, and housing assistance program benefits. The county reentry coordinator shall make every effort to ensure that the
appropriate treatment and services upon the inmate’s release from
the facility;

(4) providing information concerning relevant social services
and reentry and rehabilitative programs including, but not limited
to, the WorkFirst NJ Substance Abuse Initiative. The county
reentry coordinator shall assist the inmate with completing
applications for and otherwise accessing appropriate services and
programming upon the inmate’s release from the facility;

(5) providing information concerning services provided by the
State’s One-Stop Career Centers. The county reentry coordinator
shall schedule appointments for the inmate to meet with
representatives from the career center and shall register the inmate
for participation in any mandatory programming upon the inmate’s
release from the facility;

(6) providing information concerning insurance eligibility and
assistance in completing applications for insurance coverage; the
county reentry coordinator shall make every effort to ensure that
coverage for the inmate is active upon or as soon as practicable
following the inmate’s release from the facility; and

(7) providing information concerning any other treatment,
services, and programming deemed appropriate based on the
evaluation required pursuant to this section.

e. The county reentry coordinator also shall:

(1) provide assistance to each inmate, upon release from a
county correctional facility, with obtaining a non-driver
identification card;

(2) ensure, to the best of the coordinator’s ability, and
conditioned on discharge information provided by the
Administrative Office of the Courts, that each inmate is released
from custody during regular business hours so that the inmate may
access appropriate treatment and services immediately upon release;
and

(3) ensure each inmate at the time of discharge is provided with
the prescription medication required pursuant to paragraph (9) of
subsection a. of section 6 of P.L. ______ c. (pending before the
Legislature as this bill).  

f. The county reentry coordinator shall consult and coordinate
with the county board of social services or welfare agency, as
appropriate, when providing information or assistance with respect
to a benefit or service administered by the board or welfare
agency.
inmate who accepts the services offered; the race, gender, ethnicity, and age of each inmate; a record of any crimes committed by inmates who are released from the facility and the types of crimes committed for a period of three years following the inmate’s release; and the number of inmates who were not released, and the reasons why they were not released, from a county correctional facility during regular business hours.

b. The data shall be analyzed to determine whether the rates and nature of rearrests and convictions differ according to whether an inmate received services in accordance with section 10 of P.L. __, c. __ (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The county reentry coordinator shall annually prepare and transmit the findings to the chief executive officer, warden, or keeper of each county correctional facility, as appropriate; the superintendent, director, or other chief administrative officer of the County Board of Social Services or welfare agency, as appropriate; the governing body of the county in which the correctional facility is located; and the Commissioner of Corrections.  

13. (New section) The county reentry coordinator shall, in collaboration with the chief executive officer, warden, or keeper of a county correctional facility, develop peer counseling programs in the county correctional facility that support the treatment of county inmates with substance use disorders. The warden, director, or administrator may additionally develop initiatives to provide inmates in the custody of the county correctional facility with access to professional substance use disorder counseling.  

14. (New section) a. The county reentry coordinator shall meet regularly annually with community stakeholders who may offer guidance for evaluating the needs of and providing services to inmates in county correctional facilities including, but not limited to:

(1) the Commissioner of Corrections, or a designee;
(2) the Commissioner of Human Services, or a designee;
(3) the chief executive officer, warden, or keeper of the county correctional facility;
(4) the superintendent, director, or other chief administrative officer of the County Board of Social Services or welfare agency, as appropriate;
(5) the county human services director, or a designee;
(10) a person who previously has received substance use disorder services in the county.

b. Based on the guidance received during the meetings conducted pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the county reentry coordinator shall:

(1) establish best practices for preparing county inmates for release;
(2) identify services available in the county that may be needed by inmates upon release from a county correctional facility including, but not limited to, housing, food, medical care, clothing, substance use disorder treatment; mental health services, employment assistance, and education assistance;
(3) make appropriate recommendations to the county correctional facility and County Board of Social Services or welfare agency with respect to preparing county inmates for successful reentry into the community and reducing recidivism. 2

15. There shall be annually appropriated through the annual appropriations act such amounts as shall be deemed necessary to implement the provisions of sections 11 through 14 of P.L.____, c.____ (C. through C.____) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) concerning the county reentry coordinator.2

18. 216. 2 (New section) An inmate released from a State or county correctional facility shall be authorized to use the address of a nonprofit inmate reentry organization approved by the Department of Community Affairs as a mailing address in an application for benefits under the:

a. Medicaid program, established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.);
b. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.88-525 (7 U.S.C.s.2011 et seq.); and
c. Work First New Jersey program, established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.) provided the inmate consents to the use of the reentry organization’s address as their mailing address.

18. 217. 2 Section 5 of P.L.1997, c.14 (C.44:10-48) is amended to read as follows:
awaiting final determination of citizenship by the federal
Immigration and Naturalization Service.

b. The following persons shall not be eligible for assistance and
shall not be considered to be members of an assistance unit:
(1) non-needy caretakers, except that the eligibility of a
dependent child shall not be affected by the income or resources of
a non-needy caretaker;
(2) Supplemental Security Income recipients, except for the
purposes of receiving emergency assistance benefits pursuant to
section 8 of P.L.1997, c.14 (C.44:10-51);
(3) illegal aliens;
(4) other aliens who are not eligible aliens;
(5) a person absent from the home who is incarcerated in a
federal, State, county or local corrective facility or under the
custody of correctional authorities, except as provided by regulation
of the commissioner;
(6) a person who: is fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody or
confinement after conviction, under the laws of the jurisdiction
from which the person has fled, for a crime or an attempt to commit
a crime which is a felony or a high misdemeanor under the laws of
the jurisdiction from which the person has fled; or is violating a
condition of probation or parole imposed under federal or state law;
(7) a person convicted on or after August 22, 1996 under
federal or state law of any offense which is classified as a felony or
crime, as appropriate, under the laws of the jurisdiction involved
and which has as an element the possession, use, or distribution of a
controlled substance as defined in section 102(6) of the federal
"Controlled Substances Act" (21 U.S.C. s.802 (6)), who would
otherwise be eligible for general public assistance pursuant to
P.L.1947, c.156 (C.44:8-107 et seq.); except that such a person who
is convicted of any such offense which has as an element the
possession or use only of such a controlled substance may be
eligible for Work First New Jersey general public assistance
benefits if the person enrolls in or has completed a licensed
residential or outpatient drug treatment program. An otherwise
eligible individual who has a past drug conviction shall be eligible
for general public assistance without enrolling in or completing a
drug treatment program if either: (1) an appropriate treatment
program is not available; or (2) the person is excused from enrolling
in a treatment program for good cause pursuant to regulation.

Eligibility for benefits for a person entering a licensed drug
provide for testing of the person to determine if the person is free of
any controlled substance. If the person is determined to not be free
of any controlled substance during the 60-day period, the person's
eligibility for benefits pursuant to this paragraph shall be
terminated; except that this provision shall not apply to the use of
prescription drugs by a person who is actively participating in a
drug treatment program, as prescribed by the drug treatment
program. The commissioner shall adopt regulations to carry out the
provisions of this paragraph, which shall include the criteria for
determining active participation in and completion of a drug
treatment program.

Eligibility for benefits for a person who completes a licensed
residential drug treatment program which operates in a State
correctional facility or county jail, in accordance with section 1 of
P.L.2014, c.1 (C.26:2B-40), shall commence upon release from
incarceration.

Cash benefits, less a personal needs allowance, for a person
receiving general public assistance benefits under the Work First
New Jersey program who is enrolled in and actively participating in
a licensed drug treatment program shall be issued directly to the
drug treatment provider to offset the cost of treatment. Upon
completion of the drug treatment program, the cash benefits shall be
then issued to the person. In the case of a delay in issuing cash
benefits to a person receiving Work First New Jersey general public
assistance benefits who has completed the drug treatment program,
the drug treatment provider shall transmit to the person those funds
received on behalf of that person after completion of the drug
treatment program; (Deleted by amendment, (P.L._, c._))
(pending before the Legislature as this bill

(8) a person found to have fraudulently misrepresented his
residence in order to obtain means-tested, public benefits in two or
more states or jurisdictions, who shall be ineligible for benefits for
a period of 10 years from the date of conviction in a federal or state
court; or

(9) a person who intentionally makes a false or misleading
statement or misrepresents, conceals or withholds facts for the
purpose of receiving benefits, who shall be ineligible for benefits
for a period of six months for the first violation, 12 months for the
second violation, and permanently for the third violation.

c. A person who makes a false statement with the intent to
qualify for benefits and by reason thereof receives benefits for
First New Jersey program and food assistance under the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-234 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.); and

(2) single persons and married couples without dependent children domiciled in New Jersey for the purposes of receiving food assistance under Pub.L.110-234.

(cf: P.L.2016, c.69, s.1)

3[(11) 18] (New section) The Governor shall appoint an independent investigator to evaluate the Commissioner of Correction’s compliance with the provisions of 2 P.L.2019, c.282; P.L.2019, c.288; P.L.2019, c.364; 2 P.L.2020, c.45; 2 and 2[(this act)] P.L. c. 2 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). Within six months of the effective date of this act, the independent investigator shall report findings and conclusions to the Governor and the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).]

1[(10) 12.] 3[(19) 18.] This act shall take effect immediately.