

As Amended by House Committee

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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~~ **An**  
24 **identification card issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1324 et seq.**, and  
25 amendments thereto;

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (2) physically or mentally unable to return to the workforce when  
35 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.