
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 316—ASSEMBLYMEN THOMPSON, YEAGER,
OHRENSCHALL; ARAUJO, CARRILLO, FUMO, MCCURDY II,
MILLER AND MONROE-MORENO

MARCH 17, 2017

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS SEGERBLOM; AND HARRIS

Referred to Committee on Corrections,
Parole, and Probation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to offenders.
(BDR 16-961)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to offenders; revising provisions governing the services provided to an offender before the offender's release; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Corrections to provide
2 certain information and services to an offender upon the offender's release from
3 prison. (NRS 209.511) This bill: (1) requires the Director to provide an offender
4 with evidence-based reentry programs relating to employment 3 months before the
5 offender is projected to be released; and (2) authorizes the Director to provide
6 mediation services to an offender and the offender's supporting family and friends.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 209.511 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 209.511 1. *Before an offender is released from prison by*
3 *expiration of his or her term of sentence, by pardon or parole, the*
4 *Director may provide mediation services to the offender and the*



1 *family members and friends of the offender who provide*
2 *emotional, psychological and financial support to the offender.*

3 2. *Three months before an offender is projected to be*
4 *released from prison by expiration of his or her term of sentence,*
5 *by pardon or parole, the Director shall provide the offender with*
6 *one or more evidence-based reentry programs to obtain*
7 *employment, including, without limitation, any programs which*
8 *may provide bonding for an offender entering the workplace and*
9 *any organizations which may provide employment or bonding*
10 *assistance to such a person.*

11 3. When an offender is released from prison by expiration of
12 his or her term of sentence, by pardon or by parole, the Director:

13 (a) May furnish the offender with a sum of money not to exceed
14 \$100, the amount to be based upon the offender's economic need as
15 determined by the Director;

16 (b) Shall give the offender notice of the provisions of chapter
17 179C of NRS and NRS 202.357 and 202.360;

18 (c) Shall require the offender to sign an acknowledgment of the
19 notice required in paragraph (b);

20 (d) Shall give the offender notice of the provisions of NRS
21 179.245 and the provisions of NRS 213.090, 213.155 or 213.157, as
22 applicable;

23 ~~(e) Shall provide the offender with information relating to~~
24 ~~obtaining employment, including, without limitation, any programs~~
25 ~~which may provide bonding for an offender entering the workplace~~
26 ~~and any organizations which may provide employment or bonding~~
27 ~~assistance to such a person;~~

28 ~~(f)~~ Shall provide the offender with a photo identification card
29 issued by the Department and information and reasonable assistance
30 relating to acquiring a valid driver's license or identification card to
31 enable the offender to obtain employment, if the offender:

32 (1) Requests a photo identification card; or

33 (2) Requests such information and assistance and is eligible
34 to acquire a valid driver's license or identification card from the
35 Department of Motor Vehicles;

36 ~~(g)~~ (f) May provide the offender with clothing suitable for
37 reentering society;

38 ~~(h)~~ (g) May provide the offender with the cost of
39 transportation to his or her place of residence anywhere within the
40 continental United States, or to the place of his or her conviction;

41 ~~(i)~~ (h) May, but is not required to, release the offender to a
42 facility for transitional living for released offenders that is licensed
43 pursuant to chapter 449 of NRS; and

44 ~~(j)~~ (i) Shall require the offender to submit to at least one test
45 for exposure to the human immunodeficiency virus.



1 ~~12-1~~ 4. The costs authorized in paragraphs (a), *(e)*, (f), ~~1(e), (h)~~
2 ~~and (j)~~ *(g) and (i)* of subsection ~~11~~ 3 must be paid out of the
3 appropriate account within the State General Fund for the use of the
4 Department as other claims against the State are paid to the extent
5 that the costs have not been paid in accordance with subsection 5 of
6 NRS 209.221 and NRS 209.246.

7 ~~13-1~~ 5. As used in this section:

8 (a) “Facility for transitional living for released offenders” has
9 the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0055.

10 (b) “Photo identification card” means a document which
11 includes the name, date of birth and a color picture of the offender.

12 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

