

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

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS SEGERBLOM; AND HARRIS

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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.

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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 authorizes the Director to provide: (1) certain  
4 offenders with evidence-based or promising practice reentry programs relating to  
5 employment not later than 3 months before each offender is projected to be  
6 released; and (2) mediation services to an offender and the offender's supporting  
7 family and friends. This bill also encourages the Director to work with the Nevada  
8 Community Re-Entry Task Force, established by the Governor pursuant to  
9 executive order, to align statewide reentry strategies and their implementation.

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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*



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1 *Director may provide mediation services to the offender and the*  
2 *family members and friends of the offender who provide*  
3 *emotional, psychological and financial support to the offender.*

4 *2. Not later than 3 months before an offender is projected to*  
5 *be released from prison by expiration of his or her term of*  
6 *sentence, by pardon or parole, the Director may, if space is*  
7 *available, provide an eligible offender with one or more evidence-*  
8 *based or promising practice reentry programs to obtain*  
9 *employment, including, without limitation, any programs which*  
10 *may provide bonding for an offender entering the workplace and*  
11 *any organizations which may provide employment or bonding*  
12 *assistance to such a person.*

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

15 (a) May furnish the offender with a sum of money not to exceed  
16 \$100, the amount to be based upon the offender's economic need as  
17 determined by the Director;

18 (b) Shall give the offender notice of the provisions of chapter  
19 179C of NRS and NRS 202.357 and 202.360;

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

22 (d) Shall give the offender notice of the provisions of NRS  
23 179.245 and the provisions of NRS 213.090, 213.155 or 213.157, as  
24 applicable;

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

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

34 (1) Requests a photo identification card; or

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

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

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

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



1 ~~(f)~~ (i) Shall require the offender to submit to at least one test  
2 for exposure to the human immunodeficiency virus.

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

9 ~~(3)~~ 5. *The Director is encouraged to work with the Nevada  
10 Community Re-Entry Task Force established by the Governor  
11 pursuant to executive order, or its successor body, if any, to align  
12 statewide strategies for the reentry of offenders into the  
13 community and the implementation of those strategies.*

14 6. As used in this section:

15 (a) *“Eligible offender” means an offender who is:*

16 (1) *Determined to be eligible for reentry programming  
17 based on the Nevada Risk Assessment Services instrument, or its  
18 successor risk assessment tool; and*

19 (2) *Enrolled in:*

20 (I) *Programming services under a reentry program at a  
21 correctional facility which has staff designated to provide the  
22 services; or*

23 (II) *A community-based program to assist offenders to  
24 reenter the community.*

25 (b) *“Facility for transitional living for released offenders” has  
26 the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0055.*

27 ~~(b)~~ (c) *“Photo identification card” means a document which  
28 includes the name, date of birth and a color picture of the offender.*

29 (d) *“Promising practice reentry program” means a reentry  
30 program that has strong quantitative and qualitative data showing  
31 positive outcomes, but does not have sufficient research or  
32 replication to support recognition as an evidence-based practice.*

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

