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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and
Economic Development)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to inmate reentry; amending s.
322.051, F.S.; waiving the fee for identification
cards issued to certain inmates; amending s. 382.0255,
F.S.; requiring a waiver of fees for certain inmates
receiving a copy of a birth certificate; amending s.
944.605, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections
to work with other agencies in acquiring necessary
documents for certain inmates to acquire an
identification card before release; providing
exceptions; requiring the department to provide
specified assistance to inmates born outside this
state; requiring a report; amending s. 944.803, F.S.;
authorizing the department to operate male and female
faith- and character-based institutions; providing an
appropriation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 322.051, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

322.051 Identification cards.—

(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or s.
322.21 to the contrary, the department shall issue or renew a
card at no charge to a person who presents evidence satisfactory



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27 to the department that he or she is homeless as defined in s.
28 414.0252(7), to an inmate receiving a card issued pursuant to s.
29 944.605(7), or, if necessary, to an inmate receiving a
30 replacement card if the department determines he or she has a
31 valid driver license or state identification card.

32 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 382.0255, Florida
33 Statutes, is amended to read:

34 382.0255 Fees.—

35 (3) Fees shall be established by rule. However, until rules
36 are adopted, the fees assessed pursuant to this section shall be
37 the minimum fees cited. The fees established by rule must be
38 sufficient to meet the cost of providing the service. All fees
39 shall be paid by the person requesting the record, are due and
40 payable at the time services are requested, and are
41 nonrefundable, except that, when a search is conducted and no
42 vital record is found, any fees paid for additional certified
43 copies shall be refunded. The department may waive all or part
44 of the fees required under this section for any government
45 entity. The department shall waive all fees required under this
46 section for a certified copy of a birth certificate issued for
47 purposes of an inmate acquiring a state identification card
48 before release pursuant to s. 944.605(7).

49 Section 3. Subsection (7) is added to section 944.605,
50 Florida Statutes, to read:

51 944.605 Inmate release; notification; identification card.—

52 (7) (a) The department, working in conjunction with the
53 Department of Health and the Department of Highway Safety and
54 Motor Vehicles, shall provide every Florida-born inmate with a
55 certified copy of their birth certificate and a state



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56 identification card before his or her release upon expiration of
57 the inmate's sentence.

58 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to inmates who:

59 1. The department determines have a valid driver license or
60 state identification card, except that the department shall
61 provide these inmates with a replacement state identification
62 card or replacement driver license if necessary.

63 2. Have an active detainer, unless the department
64 determines that cancellation of the detainer is likely or that
65 the incarceration for which the detainer was issued will be less
66 than 12 months in duration.

67 3. Are released due to an emergency release or a
68 conditional medical release under s. 947.149.

69 4. Are not in the physical custody of the department at or
70 within 180 days before release.

71 5. Are subject to sex offender residency restrictions, and
72 who, upon release under such restrictions, do not have a
73 qualifying address.

74 (c) The department shall assist each inmate in applying for
75 and obtaining a social security card before release if the
76 inmate needs a social security card.

77 (d) The department, for purposes of assisting the inmate in
78 obtaining a birth certificate, shall submit to the Department of
79 Health on all Florida-born inmates in its custody, the
80 department's inmate photo or digitized photo, and as provided by
81 the inmate his or her date of birth, full name at birth and any
82 subsequent legal name changes, city or county of birth, mother's
83 full name including her maiden surname, and father's full name.

84 (e) For inmates born outside of this state, the department



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85 shall assist the inmate in completing the necessary forms or
86 applications to obtain a social security card, driver license,
87 or state identification card. The department shall also provide
88 the inmate with the location and address of the appropriate
89 licensing authority the inmate will need to obtain a valid
90 identification card in proximity to the inmate's release
91 address.

92 (f) The department shall, as part of its annual report,
93 provide a report that identifies the number of inmates released
94 with and without identification cards, identifies any
95 impediments in the implementation of this subsection, and
96 provides recommendations to improve obtaining release documents
97 and identification cards for all inmates.

98 Section 4. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 944.803,
99 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

100 944.803 Faith- and character-based programs.—

101 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the department
102 expand the faith- and character-based initiative through the use
103 of faith- and character-based institutions. The department is
104 encouraged to phase out the faith-based and self improvement
105 dormitory programs and move toward the goal of only implementing
106 faith- and character-based institutions. The department is also
107 encouraged to dedicate and maintain faith- and character-based
108 institutions that serve both male and female inmates at their
109 respective institutions.

110 (6) Within faith- and character-based institutions of the
111 state correctional system, peer-to-peer programming shall be
112 offered ~~allowed~~, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, literacy
113 instruction, and other activities, ~~when appropriate.~~



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114 Section 5. There is appropriated to the Department of
115 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for the 2014-2015 fiscal year
116 the sums of \$221,276 in recurring funds and \$243,782 in
117 nonrecurring funds from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund
118 for the purpose of purchasing, equipping, and operating mobile
119 licensing vehicles whose primary responsibility shall be to
120 issue identification and licensing credentials to inmates before
121 their release from the custody of the Department of Corrections.

122 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.