

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to inmate reentry; amending s.  
3 322.051, F.S.; waiving the fee for identification  
4 cards issued to certain inmates; amending s. 382.0255,  
5 F.S.; requiring a waiver of fees for certain inmates  
6 receiving a copy of a birth certificate; amending s.  
7 944.605, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections  
8 to work with other agencies in acquiring necessary  
9 documents for certain inmates to acquire an  
10 identification card before release; providing  
11 exceptions; requiring the department to provide  
12 specified assistance to inmates born outside this  
13 state; requiring a report; amending s. 944.803, F.S.;  
14 authorizing the department to operate male and female  
15 faith- and character-based institutions; providing an  
16 effective date.

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

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

22 322.051 Identification cards.—

23 (9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or  
24 s. 322.21 to the contrary, the department shall issue or renew a  
25 card at no charge to a person who presents evidence satisfactory  
26 to the department that he or she is homeless as defined in s.

27 414.0252(7) or to an inmate receiving a card issued pursuant to  
28 s. 944.605(7).

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

31 382.0255 Fees.—

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

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

48 944.605 Inmate release; notification; identification  
49 card.—

50 (7) (a) The department, working in conjunction with the  
51 Department of Health and the Department of Highway Safety and  
52 Motor Vehicles, shall provide every Florida-born inmate with a

53 certified copy of their birth certificate and a state  
54 identification card before his or her release upon expiration of  
55 the inmate's sentence.

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

57 1. The department determines have a valid driver license  
58 or state identification card.

59 2. Have an active detainer, unless the department  
60 determines that cancellation of the detainer is likely or that  
61 the incarceration for which the detainer was issued will be less  
62 than 12 months in duration.

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

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

67 5. Are subject to sex offender residency restrictions, and  
68 who, upon release under such restrictions, do not have a  
69 qualifying address.

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

73 (d) The department, for purposes of assisting the inmate  
74 in obtaining a birth certificate, shall submit to the Department  
75 of Health on all Florida-born inmates in its custody, the  
76 department's inmate photo or digitized photo, and as provided by  
77 the inmate his or her date of birth, full name at birth and any  
78 subsequent legal name changes, city or county of birth, mother's

79 full name including her maiden surname, and father's full name.  
80 Failure of the inmate to cooperate with the department in  
81 providing this information may subject the inmate to  
82 disciplinary action.

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

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

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

99 944.803 Faith- and character-based programs.—

100 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
101 department expand the faith- and character-based initiative  
102 through the use of faith- and character-based institutions. The  
103 department is encouraged to phase out the faith-based and self  
104 improvement dormitory programs and move toward the goal of only

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105 implementing faith- and character-based institutions. The  
106 department is also encouraged to dedicate and maintain faith-  
107 and character-based institutions that serve both male and female  
108 inmates at their respective institutions.

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

113 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.