

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 appropriations; 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 to the department that he or she is homeless as defined in s.

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

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

33 382.0255 Fees.—

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

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

50 944.605 Inmate release; notification; identification
 51 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 his or her birth certificate and a state
56 identification card before the inmate's release upon expiration
57 of his or her sentence.

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

59 1. The department determines have a valid driver license
60 or 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
75 for 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
78 in obtaining a birth certificate, shall submit to the Department

79 of 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
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
102 department expand the faith- and character-based initiative
103 through the use of faith- and character-based institutions. The
104 department is encouraged to phase out the faith-based and self

105 improvement dormitory programs and move toward the goal of only
106 implementing faith- and character-based institutions. The
107 department is also encouraged to dedicate and maintain faith-
108 and character-based institutions that serve both male and female
109 inmates at their 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~~.

114 Section 5. (1) For fiscal year 2014-2015, the sum of
115 \$796,720 in recurring funds is appropriated from the General
116 Revenue Fund to the Department of Corrections for implementation
117 of this act. From such funds, the Department of Corrections
118 shall reimburse:

119 (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
120 for the cost of issuing state identification cards or
121 replacement driver licenses to Florida-born inmates; and

122 (b) The Department of Health for providing certified
123 copies of birth certificates to Florida-born inmates.

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125 The Department of Corrections may also expend the funds to
126 obtain and provide copies of birth certificates to inmates born
127 outside the state.

128 (2) For fiscal year 2014-2015, the sums of \$221,276 in
129 recurring funds and \$243,782 in nonrecurring funds are
130 appropriated from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to the

131 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for purchasing,
132 equipping, and operating mobile licensing vehicles whose primary
133 responsibility shall be to issue identification and licensing
134 credentials to inmates before their release from the custody of
135 the Department of Corrections.

136 (3) The Department of Health and the Department of Highway
137 Safety and Motor Vehicles may request a budget amendment
138 pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, if additional trust
139 fund authority is required for implementation of this act.

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