

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258

Approved by the Governor April 17, 2018

Introduced by Hansen, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to amend section 83-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for an opportunity to obtain a state identification card or a motor vehicle operator's license as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 83-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

83-903 The Department of Correctional Services, in consultation with the Board of Parole, shall develop a reentry program for individuals incarcerated in a department correctional facility, individuals who have been discharged from a department correctional facility within the prior eighteen months, and parolees. The department shall hire a reentry program administrator to develop and oversee the reentry program and additional staff as needed to implement the reentry program. The purpose of the reentry program is to facilitate a standard systemwide program of reentry for individuals leaving correctional facilities or transitioning off community supervision. The primary objectives of the reentry program are to reduce recidivism, to identify, assess, and provide treatment options for individuals with mental illness, to increase public safety, and to improve the overall transition of the individual from the criminal justice system into the community. Prior to the discharge of an individual from a department correctional facility, the department shall provide such individual with an opportunity to obtain a state identification card or renew a motor vehicle operator's license.

Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2020.

Sec. 3. Original section 83-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.