

1-1 By: White, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Johnson) H.B. No. 918
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2019;
 1-3 May 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 15, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to providing discharged or released inmates with certain
 1-18 documents, including documents to assist the inmate in obtaining
 1-19 employment.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is
 1-22 amended by adding Sections 501.0155 and 501.0166 to read as
 1-23 follows:

1-24 Sec. 501.0155. PROVIDING DISCHARGED OR RELEASED INMATE WITH
 1-25 DOCUMENTATION FOR EMPLOYMENT. When an inmate who is able to work,
 1-26 as determined by the department based on the inmate's age or mental
 1-27 or physical condition, is discharged or released on parole,
 1-28 mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon and the intended
 1-29 residence designated by the inmate is in this state, the department
 1-30 shall provide the inmate with relevant documentation to assist the
 1-31 inmate in obtaining post-release employment, including:

1-32 (1) as applicable, a copy of the inmate's job training
 1-33 record described by Section 497.094 and the inmate's work record
 1-34 described by Section 497.095; and

1-35 (2) for an inmate who completed a prerelease program
 1-36 required by a parole panel as a condition of release:

1-37 (A) a resume that includes any trade learned by
 1-38 the inmate and the inmate's proficiency at that trade; and

1-39 (B) documentation that the inmate has completed a
 1-40 practice job interview.

1-41 Sec. 501.0166. PROVIDING DISCHARGED OR RELEASED INMATE WITH
 1-42 BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND SOCIAL SECURITY CARD. (a) In addition to
 1-43 complying with the requirements of Section 501.0165 regarding a
 1-44 license or personal identification certificate for an inmate being
 1-45 discharged or released on parole, mandatory supervision, or
 1-46 conditional pardon, the department must:

1-47 (1) determine whether the inmate has a:

1-48 (A) certified copy of the inmate's birth
 1-49 certificate; and

1-50 (B) copy of the inmate's social security card;
 1-51 and

1-52 (2) if the inmate does not have a document described by
 1-53 Subdivision (1), submit to the appropriate entity on behalf of the
 1-54 inmate a request for the issuance of the applicable document.

1-55 (b) The department shall submit a request under Subsection
 1-56 (a)(2) as soon as is practicable to enable the department to provide
 1-57 the inmate with the applicable document when the department
 1-58 discharges or releases the inmate.

1-59 (c) This section does not apply to an inmate who:

1-60 (1) is not legally present in the United States; or

1-61 (2) was not a resident of this state before the person

2-1 was placed in the custody of the department.

2-2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.

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