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S.B. No. 461

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing certain discharged or released inmates with documentation to assist in obtaining employment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.0155 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.0155. PROVIDING DISCHARGED OR RELEASED INMATE WITH DOCUMENTATION FOR EMPLOYMENT. When an inmate is discharged or released on parole, mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon and the intended residence designated by the inmate is in this state, the department shall provide the inmate with relevant documentation to assist the inmate in obtaining post-release employment, including:

(1) as applicable:

(A) the copy of the inmate's job training record described by Section 497.094;

(B) the copy of the inmate's work record described by Section 497.095; and

(C) the personal identification certificate requested to be issued under Section 501.0165;

(2) a certified copy of the inmate's birth certificate;

(3) the inmate's social security card or a replacement social security card;

1 (4) a resume that includes any trade learned by the
2 inmate and the inmate's proficiency at that trade; and

3 (5) documentation that the inmate has completed a
4 practice job interview.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.