

HB 2302 -- INMATE RELEASE FROM THE CUSTODY OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (Oehlerking)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions

This bill requires the Department of Corrections to provide certain inmates, as specified in the bill, with relevant documentation to assist in obtaining post-release employment.

The Department must coordinate with the Department of Revenue to provide a state-issued identification card if the inmate does not have a current one.

Nine months prior to an inmate's release from custody, the Department of Corrections will determine whether the inmate has a current state ID and, if not, begin gathering the required documentation to receive one. A certified birth certificate and a Department of Corrections-issued record card will be valid identification documentation for an inmate to obtain a state ID

State-issued ID cards issued with a record card from the Department of Corrections must be valid for a period of six years and are nonrenewable and nontransferable.

The Department of Corrections can utilize any funds to cover the purchase of ID cards, including but not limited to, inmate trust funds, existing funds of the Department, and donations.

The Department must provide an inmate with the types of documentation specified in the bill to assist in post-release employment.

The bill specifies that a delay in obtaining the documents required by this bill must not be cause for a delay in an inmate's release through probation or parole.

This bill is similar to HB 2502 (2024).