

SENATE BILL NO. 159—SENATOR GUSTAVSON

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes governing offenders.
(BDR 16-74)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to offenders; requiring the Director of the Department of Corrections to provide certain information to an offender upon his or her release, including information regarding employment assistance; authorizing a court to require the earnings of a probationer to be held in trust for certain purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Corrections to provide
2 certain information to an offender upon the offender's release from prison. (NRS
3 209.511) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Director to provide such an offender
4 with: (1) information relating to assistance for obtaining employment, including
5 information regarding obtaining bonding for employment; and (2) information and
6 reasonable assistance relating to acquiring a valid driver's license or identification
7 card to enable the offender to obtain employment if the offender requests such
8 information and assistance and is eligible to acquire a driver's license or
9 identification card.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 209.511 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 209.511 1. When an offender is released from prison by
3 expiration of his or her term of sentence, by pardon or by parole, the
4 Director:



(a) May furnish the offender with a sum of money not to exceed \$100, the amount to be based upon the offender's economic need as determined by the Director;

(b) Shall give the offender notice of the provisions of chapter 179C of NRS and NRS 202.357 and 202.360;

(c) Shall require the offender to sign an acknowledgment of the notice required in paragraph (b);

(d) Shall give the offender notice of the provisions of NRS 179.245 and the provisions of NRS 213.090, 213.155 or 213.157, as applicable;

(e) *Shall provide the offender with information relating to obtaining employment, including, without limitation, any programs which may provide bonding for an offender entering the workplace and any organizations which may provide employment or bonding assistance to such a person;*

(f) *Shall provide the offender with information and reasonable assistance relating to acquiring a valid driver's license or identification card to enable the offender to obtain employment, if the offender:*

(1) Requests such information and assistance; and

(2) Is eligible to acquire a valid driver's license or identification card from the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(g) May provide the offender with clothing suitable for reentering society;

~~(f)~~ (h) May provide the offender with the cost of transportation to his or her place of residence anywhere within the continental United States, or to the place of his or her conviction;

~~(g)~~ (i) May, but is not required to, release the offender to a facility for transitional living for released offenders that is licensed pursuant to chapter 449 of NRS; and

~~(h)~~ (j) Shall require the offender to submit to at least one test for exposure to the human immunodeficiency virus.

2. The costs authorized in paragraphs (a) ~~1-(e), (f)~~, (g) ~~and (h)~~, (h) and (j) of subsection 1 must be paid out of the appropriate account within the State General Fund for the use of the Department as other claims against the State are paid to the extent that the costs have not been paid in accordance with subsection 5 of NRS 209.221 and NRS 209.246.

3. As used in this section, "facility for transitional living for released offenders" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0055.

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

