

Legislative Analysis



REENTRY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

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House Bill 5017 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5017 would amend the Corrections Code to require the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide reentry services to prisoners who are discharged from custody immediately after being resentenced by a court because of their age at the time of the relevant offense.

The act now requires DOC to provide all of the following in a timely manner to a prisoner who is discharged from custody because their sentence was reversed, vacated, or overturned:

- Reentry services, excluding reentry housing, consistent with the services received by parolees¹ for a period of up to two years following the date of discharge.
- Reentry housing, consistent with the transitional housing provided to parolees for a period of up to one year following the date of discharge.
- Vital documents, including at least the prisoner's birth certificate.

If a prisoner's conviction is subsequently reinstated or if they are resentenced and returned to DOC custody for the same conviction that was previously reversed, vacated, or overturned, they must repay DOC for all reentry services they received under the above provisions.

The bill would amend those provisions to additionally require the above services to be provided to a prisoner who is discharged from custody immediately after being resentenced by a court because of the prisoner's age at the time of the relevant offense.

The bill also would add "any official state personal identification card" to the vital documents DOC must provide.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5017 would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government. The Department of Corrections currently provides reentry services, reentry housing services, and vital documents to all prisoners discharged from custody. Any costs incurred as a result of including prisoners discharged after being resentenced because of their age at the time of committing an offense would be handled within existing operations and paid for by existing appropriations.

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¹ <https://www.michigan.gov/corrections/offender-success/reentry-services>