

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6280

As of January 16, 2018

Title: An act relating to issuing an identicard for offenders released from prison facilities.

Brief Description: Issuing an identicard for offenders released from prison facilities.

Sponsors: Senators Darneille, O'Ban, Kuderer, Hasegawa and Conway.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 1/16/18.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to collaborate with the Department of Licensing (DOL) to provide two-year identicards to offenders released in Washington State.
- Allows DOL to charge DOC a fee of \$18 for the identicard.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

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Background: DOL issues identicards, containing a picture, to applicants who:

- do not hold a valid Washington driver's license;
- prove their identity as required by law; and
- pay the required fee.

An identicard expires six years after the applicant's first birthday after the identicard is issued. The fee for an identicard is \$54, but an identicard must be provided at cost to an applicant who: (1) is receiving continuing public assistance grants and is referred in writing by the Department of Social and Health Services; or (2) is under 18 years of age and does not have a permanent residence.

Summary of Bill: DOC must work in conjunction with DOL to create and implement an identicard program to provide offenders released in Washington State with a state-issued identicard. An offender is eligible for an identicard if the offender:

- meets DOL criteria;

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- is sentenced to the custody of DOC and is incarcerated with an earned release date that is more than one year from the offender's admission date;
- is expected to be released to a location within Washington State; and
- does not have a current, valid state-issued identification card.

An identicard issued by DOC under this act must expire two years from the first anniversary of the offender's birthdate after issuance. DOL may charge DOC \$18 as a fee for issuance. DOC and DOL have the discretion to implement this act over a period of 12 months following January 1, 2019.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 15, 2018.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: January 1, 2019.