

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) to provide an inmate who has been housed in a state correctional facility with the relevant documentation to assist with obtaining post-release employment when the inmate has designated his intended residence within the state of La. and has been released from a term of imprisonment resulting from the commission of a felony offense.

New law requires the DPS&C to coordinate with the office of motor vehicles (OMV) to do the following:

- (1) Determine whether an inmate has any form of a state ID card or a driver's license and begin the process of gathering the documentation required for the issuance of a special ID card pursuant to existing law (R.S. 40:1321) within nine months prior to the release of an inmate.
- (2) Provide a special ID card to any eligible inmate who does not have a current state ID card or driver's license upon his release from custody. Further provides for the manner of issuing, replacing, cancelling, and denying the special ID card.

New law requires the OMV to permit an inmate to use certain documents as a valid form of photo identification in order to obtain a special ID card and to determine and assess a reasonable fee for the issuance of the special ID card.

New law defines "master prison record". Provides that a special ID card issued with a master prison record to an inmate is nonrenewable, nontransferable, and valid for a period of six years from the month of issuance.

New law provides relative to funds that the DPS&C may utilize to implement and administer new law.

New law applies only to inmates who receive a special ID card pursuant to existing law (R.S. 40:1321), who are in the physical custody and control of the DPS&C, and who are housed in a state correctional facility.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 15:828.5)