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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in safe community reentry, further
3 providing for Safe Community Reentry Program and for contract
4 for services.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Sections 4903(b) and 4904(a) of Title 61 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended by adding
9 paragraphs to read:

10 § 4903. Safe Community Reentry Program.

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12 (b) Assessment and plan.--

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14 (4) The department or the board shall counsel and assist
15 in the completion of applications for public benefit programs
16 for which each offender may be eligible following release
17 from incarceration. Counseling shall include the following
18 public benefit programs:

- 1 (i) Medical assistance.
- 2 (ii) Medicaid for former foster care youth.
- 3 (iii) Medical assistance for workers with
- 4 disabilities.
- 5 (iv) Medicare savings.
- 6 (v) Children's Health Insurance Program.
- 7 (vi) Health insurance marketplace.
- 8 (vii) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- 9 (viii) Cash assistance.
- 10 (ix) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.
- 11 (x) Long-term living services, home and community-
- 12 based.
- 13 (xi) Long-term living services, nursing home and
- 14 related facilities.
- 15 (xii) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.
- 16 (xiii) Free or reduced price school meals.
- 17 (xiv) Child Care Works.
- 18 (xv) Head Start.
- 19 (xvi) Women, Infants and Children.
- 20 (xvii) Other Federal or State programs selected by
- 21 the department or board.

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23 § 4904. Contract for services.

24 (a) Authority.--The department and the board may contract
25 with community organizations and other nonprofit or for-profit
26 entities to provide programs and services under this chapter.
27 The programs and services provided under these contracts may
28 include:

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30 (16) Assisting offenders in applying for and obtaining

1 access to public benefit programs upon release from
2 incarceration.

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4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.