



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Election Code. Provides that, beginning on January 1, 2028, a person convicted of a felony, or otherwise under sentence in a correctional institution, shall have his or her right to vote restored and shall be eligible to vote not later than 14 days following his or her conviction. Provides that a person who is serving a sentence in a correctional institution starting prior to January 1, 2027 shall have his or her right to vote restored not later than January 14, 2028. Provides that a person may not be denied the right to vote because of a past criminal conviction. Provides that each local election authority shall coordinate with the correctional institution, Illinois Department of Corrections, and other correctional agencies incarcerating eligible voters to facilitate voting by mail for those voters eligible to vote in that election jurisdiction who are incarcerated in the correctional institution. Provides that the Attorney General, any individual aggrieved by a violation of these provisions, any entity whose membership includes individuals aggrieved by a violation of these provisions, any entity whose mission would be frustrated by a violation of these provisions, or any entity that would expend resources in order to fulfill its mission as a result of a violation of these provisions may file an action in a court of competent jurisdiction. Provides that the Act is intended to benefit and protect the rights of individual voters and to provide a remedy for infringing on the rights granted under this Act. Amends the Re-Entering Citizens Civics Education Act. Changes the short title of the Act to the Reintegration and Civic Empowerment Act. Provides that the Department of Corrections shall conduct the civics peer education program each of the 3 sessions not less than twice a month at each correctional institution totaling not less than 6 sessions per month at each correctional institution. Provides that the civics peer education program and workshops must be made available to all committed persons regardless of the date they were first committed or the length of their sentence. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the Unified Code of Corrections to make conforming changes. Effective January 1, 2028.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Administrative Procedure Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 5-45.71 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 100/5-45.71 new)

7 Sec. 5-45.71. Emergency rulemaking. To provide for the  
8 expeditious and timely implementation of the changes made to  
9 the Election Code and the Unified Code of Corrections by this  
10 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, emergency rules  
11 implementing the those changes may be adopted in accordance  
12 with Section 5-45 by the State Board of Elections or the  
13 Department of Corrections, except that the 24-month limitation  
14 on the adoption of emergency rules and the provisions of  
15 Sections 5-115 and 5-125 do not apply to rules adopted under  
16 this Section. The adoption of emergency rules authorized by  
17 Section 5-45 and this Section is deemed to be necessary for the  
18 public interest, safety, and welfare.

19 This Section is repealed one year after the effective date  
20 of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.

21 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by changing  
22 Sections 3-5, 19-2.3, and 19-2.5 and by adding Sections 1-26,

1 1-27, 1-28, and 1-29 as follows:

2 (10 ILCS 5/1-26 new)

3 Sec. 1-26. Post-conviction voting.

4 (a) As used in this Section, "correctional institution"  
5 means any place used to house persons under State supervision,  
6 including, but not limited to, State, out of state, federal,  
7 or juvenile facilities, adult transition centers, halfway  
8 houses, and other reentry or rehabilitation programs.

9 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2028, a person convicted of a  
10 felony, or otherwise sentenced to a correctional institution,  
11 shall have his or her right to vote restored and shall be  
12 eligible to vote not later than 14 days following his or her  
13 conviction. A person who is serving a sentence in a  
14 correctional institution starting prior to January 1, 2028  
15 shall have his or her right to vote restored not later than  
16 January 14, 2028. Persons under any form of State supervision  
17 or custody who are disqualified from voting shall have their  
18 right to vote restored under this Section, including, but not  
19 limited to: persons incarcerated or detained in State,  
20 federal, or juvenile facilities; persons on probation or  
21 parole; persons on mandatory supervised release; persons on  
22 work release; persons on furlough; persons released on  
23 electronic monitoring; persons housed in adult transition  
24 centers, halfway houses, or other reentry or rehabilitation  
25 programs; and persons owing court fines or fees. A person may

1 not be denied the right to vote because of an adjudicated  
2 delinquent status or a past criminal conviction.

3 (c) Each Illinois local election authority shall  
4 collaborate with the correctional institution, Department of  
5 Corrections, and other correctional agencies incarcerating  
6 eligible voters to facilitate voting by mail for those voters  
7 eligible to vote in that election jurisdiction who are  
8 incarcerated in the correctional institution.

9 (d) All requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act of  
10 1965, including Sections 203 and 208, State and local language  
11 access requirements, and the federal Americans with  
12 Disabilities Act and State and local disability access  
13 requirements shall also apply to voting under this Section.  
14 Each Illinois local election authority shall collaborate with  
15 the correctional institution to facilitate voter registration  
16 for voters eligible to vote. Correctional institutions shall  
17 coordinate with local election authorities to make available  
18 to persons in their custody voter registration applications,  
19 vote by mail ballots received from a local election authority,  
20 and other election materials in the languages provided by the  
21 State Board of Elections and local election authorities.

22 (e) The correctional institution shall make available to a  
23 person in its custody current election resource material,  
24 maintained by the State Board of Elections, containing  
25 detailed information regarding the voting rights of a person  
26 with a criminal conviction in the following formats: (1) in

1 print; (2) on the correctional institution's website; and (3)  
2 in a visible location on the premises of each correctional  
3 institution where notices are customarily posted. Local  
4 election authorities shall collaborate with the correctional  
5 institution to also make available to a person in its custody  
6 current election resource material from a local election  
7 authority that is requested by that person in its custody. The  
8 correctional institution shall provide resource materials to a  
9 person in its custody upon intake and release of the person on  
10 parole, mandatory supervised release, final discharge, or  
11 pardon from the correctional institution.

12 (f) On or before December 31, 2028, and on or before  
13 December 31 of each year thereafter, the State Board of  
14 Elections, in coordination and cooperation with correctional  
15 institutions and local election authorities, shall prepare a  
16 report and submit the report to the General Assembly  
17 containing data concerning compliance with this Section,  
18 including the number of voter registrations, vote by mail  
19 ballot applications, vote by mail ballots received, and  
20 election resource materials delivered. Data shall be  
21 disaggregated by institution and other factors.

22 (g) A person who has left the person's last known place of  
23 residence as part of the person's confinement in a  
24 correctional institution and who has not established another  
25 residence for voter registration purposes may not be  
26 considered to have changed or lost residence. The person may

1 register to vote at the address of the person's last place of  
2 residence before the person's confinement in a correctional  
3 institution while the person is confined in a correctional  
4 institution.

5 (h) The provisions of this Section apply to all elections  
6 beginning in 2028.

7 (i) The State Board of Elections or the Department of  
8 Corrections may adopt rules, including emergency rules, to  
9 implement the provisions of this Section.

10 (10 ILCS 5/1-27 new)

11 Sec. 1-27. Civil actions.

12 (a) The Attorney General may bring a civil action in a  
13 court of competent jurisdiction for such declaratory or  
14 injunctive relief as is necessary for a violation of Section  
15 1-26.

16 (b) Any individual aggrieved by a violation of Section  
17 1-26, any entity whose membership includes individuals  
18 aggrieved by a violation of Section 1-26, any entity whose  
19 mission would be frustrated by a violation of Section 1-26, or  
20 any entity that would expend resources in order to fulfill its  
21 mission as a result of a violation of Section 1-26 may provide  
22 written notice of the violation to the Director of Corrections  
23 and the chair of the State Board of Elections.

24 (1) If the violation is not corrected within 30 days  
25 after receipt of a notice under this subsection (b), or

1 within 20 days after receipt of the notice under this  
2 subsection (b) if the violation occurred within 120 days  
3 before the date of an election, the aggrieved party may  
4 bring a civil action in court of competent jurisdiction  
5 for declaratory or injunctive relief with respect to the  
6 violation.

7 (2) If the violation occurred within 30 days before  
8 the date of an election, the aggrieved person need not  
9 provide notice to Director of Corrections or the chair of  
10 the State Board of Elections under this subsection (b)  
11 before bringing a civil action under paragraph (1) of this  
12 subsection (b).

13 (c) This Act is intended to benefit and protect the rights  
14 of individual voters and to provide a remedy for infringing on  
15 the rights granted under this Act.

16 (d) All requirements of the federal Prison Litigation  
17 Reform Act, 42 U.S.C. 1997e, including subsection (a), Section  
18 3-8-8 of the Unified Code of Corrections, and 20 Ill. Adm. Code  
19 Part 504, Subpart F, shall also apply to this Section.

20 (10 ILCS 5/1-28 new)

21 Sec. 1-28. Attorney's fees. Upon motion, a court shall  
22 award reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including expert  
23 witness fees and other litigation expenses, to a plaintiff  
24 (other than the State of Illinois) in any action brought under  
25 Section 1-27:

1           (1) who obtains some or all of the plaintiff's  
2           requested relief through a judicial judgment in the  
3           plaintiff's favor;

4           (2) who obtains some or all of his or her requested  
5           relief through any settlement agreement approved by the  
6           court; or

7           (3) whose pursuit of a nonfrivolous claim was a  
8           catalyst for a unilateral change in position by the  
9           opposing party relative to the relief sought.

10          In awarding reasonable attorney's fees, the court shall  
11          consider the degree to which the relief obtained relates to  
12          the relief sought.

13           (10 ILCS 5/1-29 new)

14          Sec. 1-29. Post-Conviction Task Force.

15          (a) The Post-Conviction Task Force is created to  
16          strengthen and improve implementation of the provisions of  
17          Section 1-26 that restore the right to vote for a person  
18          convicted of a felony, or otherwise under sentence in a  
19          correctional institution or jail and provides access to vote  
20          while under sentence in a correctional institution.

21          (b) The members of the Task Force shall be as follows:

22           (1) the chair of the State Board of Elections, or his  
23           or her designee, who shall serve as chair of the Task  
24           Force;

25           (2) the Director of Corrections, the Department of

1 Corrections Family Liaison, or the designee of the  
2 Director of Corrections;

3 (3) a representative from a statewide organization  
4 that represents county clerks, appointed by the Governor;

5 (4) a representative from a nonpartisan Illinois  
6 organization advocating against voter disenfranchisement,  
7 appointed by the Governor; and

8 (5) a voting and civics education workshop peer  
9 educator, as defined in Section 5 of the Reintegration and  
10 Civic Empowerment Act, appointed by the Governor.

11 (c) The State Board of Elections shall provide  
12 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

13 (d) On or before July 1, 2027, the Task Force shall prepare  
14 a report that summarizes its work and makes recommendations on  
15 the implementation of restoring voting rights to a person  
16 convicted of a felony, or otherwise under sentence in a  
17 correctional institution or jail, and providing access to vote  
18 while under sentence in a correctional institution.

19 (e) The Task Force is dissolved and this Section is  
20 repealed on January 1, 2028.

21 (10 ILCS 5/3-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 3-5)

22 Sec. 3-5. Confinement or detention in a jail. ~~No person~~  
23 ~~who has been legally convicted, in this or another state or in~~  
24 ~~any federal court, of any crime, and is serving a sentence of~~  
25 ~~confinement in any penal institution, or who has been~~

1 ~~convicted under any Section of this Code and is serving a~~  
2 ~~sentence of confinement in any penal institution, shall vote,~~  
3 ~~offer to vote, attempt to vote or be permitted to vote at any~~  
4 ~~election until his release from confinement.~~

5 ~~Confinement for purposes of this Section shall include any~~  
6 ~~person convicted and imprisoned but granted a furlough as~~  
7 ~~provided by Section 3-11-1 of the Unified Code of Corrections,~~  
8 ~~or admitted to a work release program as provided by Section~~  
9 ~~3-13-2 of the Unified Code of Corrections. Confinement shall~~  
10 ~~not include any person convicted and imprisoned but released~~  
11 ~~on parole.~~

12 Confinement or detention in a jail pending acquittal or  
13 conviction of a crime is not a disqualification for voting.

14 (Source: P.A. 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.3)

16 Sec. 19-2.3. Vote by mail; jails and correctional  
17 institutions.

18 (a) Each election authority in a county with a population  
19 under 3,000,000 shall collaborate with the primary county jail  
20 where eligible voters are confined or detained who are within  
21 the jurisdiction of the election authority to facilitate an  
22 opportunity for voting by mail for voters eligible to vote in  
23 the election jurisdiction who are confined or detained in the  
24 county jail.

25 (b) Each Illinois local election authority shall

1 collaborate with the correctional institution to facilitate  
2 voter registration for voters eligible to vote. Correctional  
3 institutions shall coordinate with local election authorities  
4 to make available to persons in their custody voter  
5 registration applications, vote by mail ballots received from  
6 a local election authority, and other election materials in  
7 the languages provided by the State Board of Elections and  
8 local election authorities.

9 (Source: P.A. 101-442, eff. 1-1-20.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.5)

11 Sec. 19-2.5. Notice for vote by mail ballot.

12 An election authority shall notify all qualified voters,  
13 except voters who are housed in a correctional institution and  
14 voters who have applied for permanent vote by mail status  
15 under subsection (b) of Section 19-3 or voters who submit a  
16 written request to be excluded from the permanent vote by mail  
17 status, not more than 90 days nor less than 45 days before a  
18 general election of the option for permanent vote by mail  
19 status using the following notice and including the  
20 application for permanent vote by mail status in subsection  
21 (b) of Section 19-3:

22 "You may apply to permanently be placed on vote by mail  
23 status using the attached application."

24 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21;  
25 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

1 Section 15. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by  
2 changing Sections 3-6-3, 3-14-1, and 5-5-5 and by adding  
3 Sections 5-5-11 and 5-5-12 as follows:

4 (730 ILCS 5/3-6-3)

5 Sec. 3-6-3. Rules and regulations for sentence credit.

6 (a) (1) The Department of Corrections shall prescribe rules  
7 and regulations for awarding and revoking sentence credit for  
8 persons committed to the Department of Corrections and the  
9 Department of Juvenile Justice shall prescribe rules and  
10 regulations for awarding and revoking sentence credit for  
11 persons committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice under  
12 Section 5-8-6 of the Unified Code of Corrections, which shall  
13 be subject to review by the Prisoner Review Board.

14 (1.5) As otherwise provided by law, sentence credit may be  
15 awarded for the following:

16 (A) successful completion of programming while in  
17 custody of the Department of Corrections or the Department  
18 of Juvenile Justice or while in custody prior to  
19 sentencing;

20 (B) compliance with the rules and regulations of the  
21 Department; or

22 (C) service to the institution, service to a  
23 community, or service to the State.

24 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (4.7) of this

1 subsection (a), the rules and regulations on sentence credit  
2 shall provide, with respect to offenses listed in clause (i),  
3 (ii), or (iii) of this paragraph (2) committed on or after June  
4 19, 1998 or with respect to the offense listed in clause (iv)  
5 of this paragraph (2) committed on or after June 23, 2005 (the  
6 effective date of Public Act 94-71) or with respect to offense  
7 listed in clause (vi) committed on or after June 1, 2008 (the  
8 effective date of Public Act 95-625) or with respect to the  
9 offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by a repeat felony  
10 offender committed on or after August 2, 2005 (the effective  
11 date of Public Act 94-398) or with respect to the offenses  
12 listed in clause (v) of this paragraph (2) committed on or  
13 after August 13, 2007 (the effective date of Public Act  
14 95-134) or with respect to the offense of aggravated domestic  
15 battery committed on or after July 23, 2010 (the effective  
16 date of Public Act 96-1224) or with respect to the offense of  
17 attempt to commit terrorism committed on or after January 1,  
18 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 97-990), the following:

19 (i) that a prisoner who is serving a term of  
20 imprisonment for first degree murder or for the offense of  
21 terrorism shall receive no sentence credit and shall serve  
22 the entire sentence imposed by the court;

23 (ii) that a prisoner serving a sentence for attempt to  
24 commit terrorism, attempt to commit first degree murder,  
25 solicitation of murder, solicitation of murder for hire,  
26 intentional homicide of an unborn child, predatory

1 criminal sexual assault of a child, aggravated criminal  
2 sexual assault, criminal sexual assault, aggravated  
3 kidnapping, aggravated battery with a firearm as described  
4 in Section 12-4.2 or subdivision (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3),  
5 or (e)(4) of Section 12-3.05, heinous battery as described  
6 in Section 12-4.1 or subdivision (a)(2) of Section  
7 12-3.05, unlawful possession of a firearm by a repeat  
8 felony offender, aggravated battery of a senior citizen as  
9 described in Section 12-4.6 or subdivision (a)(4) of  
10 Section 12-3.05, or aggravated battery of a child as  
11 described in Section 12-4.3 or subdivision (b)(1) of  
12 Section 12-3.05 shall receive no more than 4.5 days of  
13 sentence credit for each month of his or her sentence of  
14 imprisonment;

15 (iii) that a prisoner serving a sentence for home  
16 invasion, armed robbery, aggravated vehicular hijacking,  
17 aggravated discharge of a firearm, or armed violence with  
18 a category I weapon or category II weapon, when the court  
19 has made and entered a finding, pursuant to subsection  
20 (c-1) of Section 5-4-1 of this Code, that the conduct  
21 leading to conviction for the enumerated offense resulted  
22 in great bodily harm to a victim, shall receive no more  
23 than 4.5 days of sentence credit for each month of his or  
24 her sentence of imprisonment;

25 (iv) that a prisoner serving a sentence for aggravated  
26 discharge of a firearm, whether or not the conduct leading

1 to conviction for the offense resulted in great bodily  
2 harm to the victim, shall receive no more than 4.5 days of  
3 sentence credit for each month of his or her sentence of  
4 imprisonment;

5 (v) that a person serving a sentence for gunrunning,  
6 narcotics racketeering, controlled substance trafficking,  
7 methamphetamine trafficking, drug-induced homicide,  
8 aggravated methamphetamine-related child endangerment,  
9 money laundering pursuant to clause (c) (4) or (5) of  
10 Section 29B-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal  
11 Code of 2012, or a Class X felony conviction for delivery  
12 of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled  
13 substance with intent to manufacture or deliver,  
14 calculated criminal drug conspiracy, criminal drug  
15 conspiracy, street gang criminal drug conspiracy,  
16 participation in methamphetamine manufacturing,  
17 aggravated participation in methamphetamine  
18 manufacturing, delivery of methamphetamine, possession  
19 with intent to deliver methamphetamine, aggravated  
20 delivery of methamphetamine, aggravated possession with  
21 intent to deliver methamphetamine, methamphetamine  
22 conspiracy when the substance containing the controlled  
23 substance or methamphetamine is 100 grams or more shall  
24 receive no more than 7.5 days sentence credit for each  
25 month of his or her sentence of imprisonment;

26 (vi) that a prisoner serving a sentence for a second

1 or subsequent offense of luring a minor shall receive no  
2 more than 4.5 days of sentence credit for each month of his  
3 or her sentence of imprisonment; and

4 (vii) that a prisoner serving a sentence for  
5 aggravated domestic battery shall receive no more than 4.5  
6 days of sentence credit for each month of his or her  
7 sentence of imprisonment.

8 (2.1) For all offenses, other than those enumerated in  
9 subdivision (a)(2)(i), (ii), or (iii) committed on or after  
10 June 19, 1998 or subdivision (a)(2)(iv) committed on or after  
11 June 23, 2005 (the effective date of Public Act 94-71) or  
12 subdivision (a)(2)(v) committed on or after August 13, 2007  
13 (the effective date of Public Act 95-134) or subdivision  
14 (a)(2)(vi) committed on or after June 1, 2008 (the effective  
15 date of Public Act 95-625) or subdivision (a)(2)(vii)  
16 committed on or after July 23, 2010 (the effective date of  
17 Public Act 96-1224), and other than the offense of aggravated  
18 driving under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs,  
19 or intoxicating compound or compounds, or any combination  
20 thereof as defined in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of  
21 subsection (d) of Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code,  
22 and other than the offense of aggravated driving under the  
23 influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, or intoxicating  
24 compound or compounds, or any combination thereof as defined  
25 in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of  
26 Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code committed on or

1 after January 1, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act  
2 96-1230), the rules and regulations shall provide that a  
3 prisoner who is serving a term of imprisonment shall receive  
4 one day of sentence credit for each day of his or her sentence  
5 of imprisonment or recommitment under Section 3-3-9. Each day  
6 of sentence credit shall reduce by one day the prisoner's  
7 period of imprisonment or recommitment under Section 3-3-9.

8 (2.2) A prisoner serving a term of natural life  
9 imprisonment shall receive no sentence credit.

10 (2.3) Except as provided in paragraph (4.7) of this  
11 subsection (a), the rules and regulations on sentence credit  
12 shall provide that a prisoner who is serving a sentence for  
13 aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, other drug  
14 or drugs, or intoxicating compound or compounds, or any  
15 combination thereof as defined in subparagraph (F) of  
16 paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Section 11-501 of the  
17 Illinois Vehicle Code, shall receive no more than 4.5 days of  
18 sentence credit for each month of his or her sentence of  
19 imprisonment.

20 (2.4) Except as provided in paragraph (4.7) of this  
21 subsection (a), the rules and regulations on sentence credit  
22 shall provide with respect to the offenses of aggravated  
23 battery with a machine gun or a firearm equipped with any  
24 device or attachment designed or used for silencing the report  
25 of a firearm or aggravated discharge of a machine gun or a  
26 firearm equipped with any device or attachment designed or

1 used for silencing the report of a firearm, committed on or  
2 after July 15, 1999 (the effective date of Public Act 91-121),  
3 that a prisoner serving a sentence for any of these offenses  
4 shall receive no more than 4.5 days of sentence credit for each  
5 month of his or her sentence of imprisonment.

6 (2.5) Except as provided in paragraph (4.7) of this  
7 subsection (a), the rules and regulations on sentence credit  
8 shall provide that a prisoner who is serving a sentence for  
9 aggravated arson committed on or after July 27, 2001 (the  
10 effective date of Public Act 92-176) shall receive no more  
11 than 4.5 days of sentence credit for each month of his or her  
12 sentence of imprisonment.

13 (2.6) Except as provided in paragraph (4.7) of this  
14 subsection (a), the rules and regulations on sentence credit  
15 shall provide that a prisoner who is serving a sentence for  
16 aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, other drug  
17 or drugs, or intoxicating compound or compounds or any  
18 combination thereof as defined in subparagraph (C) of  
19 paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Section 11-501 of the  
20 Illinois Vehicle Code committed on or after January 1, 2011  
21 (the effective date of Public Act 96-1230) shall receive no  
22 more than 4.5 days of sentence credit for each month of his or  
23 her sentence of imprisonment.

24 (3) In addition to the sentence credits earned under  
25 paragraphs (2.1), (4), (4.1), (4.2), and (4.7) of this  
26 subsection (a), the rules and regulations shall also provide

1 that the Director of Corrections or the Director of Juvenile  
2 Justice may award up to 180 days of earned sentence credit for  
3 prisoners serving a sentence of incarceration of less than 5  
4 years, and up to 365 days of earned sentence credit for  
5 prisoners serving a sentence of 5 years or longer. The  
6 Director may grant this credit for good conduct in specific  
7 instances as either Director deems proper for eligible persons  
8 in the custody of each Director's respective Department. The  
9 good conduct may include, but is not limited to, compliance  
10 with the rules and regulations of the Department, service to  
11 the Department, service to a community, or service to the  
12 State.

13 Eligible inmates for an award of earned sentence credit  
14 under this paragraph (3) may be selected to receive the credit  
15 at either Director's or his or her designee's sole discretion.  
16 Eligibility for the additional earned sentence credit under  
17 this paragraph (3) may be based on, but is not limited to,  
18 participation in programming offered by the Department as  
19 appropriate for the prisoner based on the results of any  
20 available risk/needs assessment or other relevant assessments  
21 or evaluations administered by the Department using a  
22 validated instrument, the circumstances of the crime,  
23 demonstrated commitment to rehabilitation by a prisoner with a  
24 history of conviction for a forcible felony enumerated in  
25 Section 2-8 of the Criminal Code of 2012, the inmate's  
26 behavior and improvements in disciplinary history while

1 incarcerated, and the inmate's commitment to rehabilitation,  
2 including participation in programming offered by the  
3 Department.

4 The Director of Corrections or the Director of Juvenile  
5 Justice shall not award sentence credit under this paragraph  
6 (3) to an inmate unless the inmate has served a minimum of 60  
7 days of the sentence, including time served in a county jail;  
8 except nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to permit  
9 either Director to extend an inmate's sentence beyond that  
10 which was imposed by the court. Prior to awarding credit under  
11 this paragraph (3), each Director shall make a written  
12 determination that the inmate:

13 (A) is eligible for the earned sentence credit;

14 (B) has served a minimum of 60 days, or as close to 60  
15 days as the sentence will allow;

16 (B-1) has received a risk/needs assessment or other  
17 relevant evaluation or assessment administered by the  
18 Department using a validated instrument; and

19 (C) has met the eligibility criteria established by  
20 rule for earned sentence credit.

21 The Director of Corrections or the Director of Juvenile  
22 Justice shall determine the form and content of the written  
23 determination required in this subsection.

24 (3.5) The Department shall provide annual written reports  
25 to the Governor and the General Assembly on the award of earned  
26 sentence credit no later than February 1 of each year. The

1 Department must publish both reports on its website within 48  
2 hours of transmitting the reports to the Governor and the  
3 General Assembly. The reports must include:

4 (A) the number of inmates awarded earned sentence  
5 credit;

6 (B) the average amount of earned sentence credit  
7 awarded;

8 (C) the holding offenses of inmates awarded earned  
9 sentence credit; and

10 (D) the number of earned sentence credit revocations.

11 (4) (A) Except as provided in paragraph (4.7) of this  
12 subsection (a), the rules and regulations shall also provide  
13 that any prisoner who is engaged full-time in any full-time  
14 substance abuse programs, correctional industry assignments,  
15 educational programs (including, without limitation, peer-led  
16 programs for both the peer educators and program  
17 participants), work-release programs or activities in  
18 accordance with Article 13 of Chapter III of this Code,  
19 behavior modification programs, life skills courses, or  
20 re-entry planning provided by the Department under this  
21 paragraph (4) and satisfactorily completes the assigned  
22 program as determined by the standards of the Department,  
23 shall receive one day of sentence credit for each day in which  
24 that prisoner is engaged in the activities described in this  
25 paragraph. The rules and regulations shall also provide that  
26 sentence credit may be provided to an inmate who was held in

1 pre-trial detention prior to his or her current commitment to  
2 the Department of Corrections and successfully completed a  
3 full-time, 60-day or longer substance abuse program,  
4 educational program, behavior modification program, life  
5 skills course, or re-entry planning provided by the county  
6 department of corrections or county jail. Calculation of this  
7 county program credit shall be done at sentencing as provided  
8 in Section 5-4.5-100 of this Code and shall be included in the  
9 sentencing order. The rules and regulations shall also provide  
10 that sentence credit may be provided to an inmate who is in  
11 compliance with programming requirements in an adult  
12 transition center.

13 (B) The Department shall award sentence credit under this  
14 paragraph (4) accumulated prior to January 1, 2020 (the  
15 effective date of Public Act 101-440) in an amount specified  
16 in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph (4) to an inmate serving  
17 a sentence for an offense committed prior to June 19, 1998, if  
18 the Department determines that the inmate is entitled to this  
19 sentence credit, based upon:

20 (i) documentation provided by the Department that the  
21 inmate engaged in any full-time substance abuse programs,  
22 correctional industry assignments, educational programs  
23 (including, without limitation, peer-led programs for both  
24 the peer educators and program participants), behavior  
25 modification programs, life skills courses, or re-entry  
26 planning provided by the Department under this paragraph

1 (4) and satisfactorily completed the assigned program as  
2 determined by the standards of the Department during the  
3 inmate's current term of incarceration; or

4 (ii) the inmate's own testimony in the form of an  
5 affidavit or documentation, or a third party's  
6 documentation or testimony in the form of an affidavit  
7 that the inmate likely engaged in any full-time substance  
8 abuse programs, correctional industry assignments,  
9 educational programs (including, without limitation,  
10 peer-led programs for both the peer educators and program  
11 participants), behavior modification programs, life skills  
12 courses, or re-entry planning provided by the Department  
13 under paragraph (4) and satisfactorily completed the  
14 assigned program as determined by the standards of the  
15 Department during the inmate's current term of  
16 incarceration.

17 (C) If the inmate can provide documentation that he or she  
18 is entitled to sentence credit under subparagraph (B) in  
19 excess of 45 days of participation in those programs, the  
20 inmate shall receive 90 days of sentence credit. If the inmate  
21 cannot provide documentation of more than 45 days of  
22 participation in those programs, the inmate shall receive 45  
23 days of sentence credit. In the event of a disagreement  
24 between the Department and the inmate as to the amount of  
25 credit accumulated under subparagraph (B), if the Department  
26 provides documented proof of a lesser amount of days of

1 participation in those programs, that proof shall control. If  
2 the Department provides no documentary proof, the inmate's  
3 proof as set forth in clause (ii) of subparagraph (B) shall  
4 control as to the amount of sentence credit provided.

5 (D) If the inmate has been convicted of a sex offense as  
6 defined in Section 2 of the Sex Offender Registration Act,  
7 sentencing credits under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph  
8 (4) shall be awarded by the Department only if the conditions  
9 set forth in paragraph (4.6) of subsection (a) are satisfied.  
10 No inmate serving a term of natural life imprisonment shall  
11 receive sentence credit under subparagraph (B) of this  
12 paragraph (4).

13 (E) The rules and regulations shall provide for the  
14 recalculation of program credits awarded pursuant to this  
15 paragraph (4) prior to July 1, 2021 (the effective date of  
16 Public Act 101-652) at the rate set for such credits on and  
17 after July 1, 2021.

18 Educational, vocational, substance abuse, behavior  
19 modification programs, life skills courses, re-entry planning,  
20 and correctional industry programs under which sentence credit  
21 may be earned under this paragraph (4) and paragraph (4.1) of  
22 this subsection (a) shall be evaluated by the Department on  
23 the basis of documented standards. The Department shall report  
24 the results of these evaluations to the Governor and the  
25 General Assembly by September 30th of each year. The reports  
26 shall include data relating to the recidivism rate among

1 program participants (including peer educators).

2 Availability of these programs shall be subject to the  
3 limits of fiscal resources appropriated by the General  
4 Assembly for these purposes. Eligible inmates who are denied  
5 immediate admission shall be placed on a waiting list under  
6 criteria established by the Department. The rules and  
7 regulations shall provide that a prisoner who has been placed  
8 on a waiting list but is transferred for non-disciplinary  
9 reasons before beginning a program shall receive priority  
10 placement on the waitlist for appropriate programs at the new  
11 facility. The inability of any inmate to become engaged in any  
12 such programs by reason of insufficient program resources or  
13 for any other reason established under the rules and  
14 regulations of the Department shall not be deemed a cause of  
15 action under which the Department or any employee or agent of  
16 the Department shall be liable for damages to the inmate. The  
17 rules and regulations shall provide that a prisoner who begins  
18 an educational, vocational, substance abuse, work-release  
19 programs or activities in accordance with Article 13 of  
20 Chapter III of this Code, behavior modification program, life  
21 skills course, re-entry planning, or correctional industry  
22 programs but is unable to complete the program due to illness,  
23 disability, transfer, lockdown, or another reason outside of  
24 the prisoner's control shall receive prorated sentence credits  
25 for the days in which the prisoner did participate.

26 (4.1) Except as provided in paragraph (4.7) of this

1 subsection (a), the rules and regulations shall also provide  
2 that an additional 90 days of sentence credit shall be awarded  
3 to any prisoner who passes high school equivalency testing  
4 while the prisoner is committed to the Department of  
5 Corrections. The sentence credit awarded under this paragraph  
6 (4.1) shall be in addition to, and shall not affect, the award  
7 of sentence credit under any other paragraph of this Section,  
8 but shall also be pursuant to the guidelines and restrictions  
9 set forth in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this Section.  
10 The sentence credit provided for in this paragraph shall be  
11 available only to those prisoners who have not previously  
12 earned a high school diploma or a State of Illinois High School  
13 Diploma. If, after an award of the high school equivalency  
14 testing sentence credit has been made, the Department  
15 determines that the prisoner was not eligible, then the award  
16 shall be revoked. The Department may also award 90 days of  
17 sentence credit to any committed person who passed high school  
18 equivalency testing while he or she was held in pre-trial  
19 detention prior to the current commitment to the Department of  
20 Corrections. Except as provided in paragraph (4.7) of this  
21 subsection (a), the rules and regulations shall provide that  
22 an additional 120 days of sentence credit shall be awarded to  
23 any prisoner who obtains an associate degree while the  
24 prisoner is committed to the Department of Corrections,  
25 regardless of the date that the associate degree was obtained,  
26 including if prior to July 1, 2021 (the effective date of

1 Public Act 101-652). The sentence credit awarded under this  
2 paragraph (4.1) shall be in addition to, and shall not affect,  
3 the award of sentence credit under any other paragraph of this  
4 Section, but shall also be under the guidelines and  
5 restrictions set forth in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of  
6 this Section. The sentence credit provided for in this  
7 paragraph (4.1) shall be available only to those prisoners who  
8 have not previously earned an associate degree prior to the  
9 current commitment to the Department of Corrections. If, after  
10 an award of the associate degree sentence credit has been made  
11 and the Department determines that the prisoner was not  
12 eligible, then the award shall be revoked. The Department may  
13 also award 120 days of sentence credit to any committed person  
14 who earned an associate degree while he or she was held in  
15 pre-trial detention prior to the current commitment to the  
16 Department of Corrections.

17 Except as provided in paragraph (4.7) of this subsection  
18 (a), the rules and regulations shall provide that an  
19 additional 180 days of sentence credit shall be awarded to any  
20 prisoner who obtains a bachelor's degree while the prisoner is  
21 committed to the Department of Corrections. The sentence  
22 credit awarded under this paragraph (4.1) shall be in addition  
23 to, and shall not affect, the award of sentence credit under  
24 any other paragraph of this Section, but shall also be under  
25 the guidelines and restrictions set forth in paragraph (4) of  
26 this subsection (a). The sentence credit provided for in this

1 paragraph shall be available only to those prisoners who have  
2 not earned a bachelor's degree prior to the current commitment  
3 to the Department of Corrections. If, after an award of the  
4 bachelor's degree sentence credit has been made, the  
5 Department determines that the prisoner was not eligible, then  
6 the award shall be revoked. The Department may also award 180  
7 days of sentence credit to any committed person who earned a  
8 bachelor's degree while he or she was held in pre-trial  
9 detention prior to the current commitment to the Department of  
10 Corrections.

11 Except as provided in paragraph (4.7) of this subsection  
12 (a), the rules and regulations shall provide that an  
13 additional 180 days of sentence credit shall be awarded to any  
14 prisoner who obtains a master's or professional degree while  
15 the prisoner is committed to the Department of Corrections.  
16 The sentence credit awarded under this paragraph (4.1) shall  
17 be in addition to, and shall not affect, the award of sentence  
18 credit under any other paragraph of this Section, but shall  
19 also be under the guidelines and restrictions set forth in  
20 paragraph (4) of this subsection (a). The sentence credit  
21 provided for in this paragraph shall be available only to  
22 those prisoners who have not previously earned a master's or  
23 professional degree prior to the current commitment to the  
24 Department of Corrections. If, after an award of the master's  
25 or professional degree sentence credit has been made, the  
26 Department determines that the prisoner was not eligible, then

1 the award shall be revoked. The Department may also award 180  
2 days of sentence credit to any committed person who earned a  
3 master's or professional degree while he or she was held in  
4 pre-trial detention prior to the current commitment to the  
5 Department of Corrections.

6 (4.2) (A) The rules and regulations shall also provide that  
7 any prisoner engaged in self-improvement programs, volunteer  
8 work, or work assignments that are not otherwise eligible  
9 activities under paragraph (4), shall receive up to 0.5 days  
10 of sentence credit for each day in which the prisoner is  
11 engaged in activities described in this paragraph.

12 (B) The rules and regulations shall provide for the award  
13 of sentence credit under this paragraph (4.2) for qualifying  
14 days of engagement in eligible activities occurring prior to  
15 July 1, 2021 (the effective date of Public Act 101-652).

16 (4.5) The rules and regulations on sentence credit shall  
17 also provide that when the court's sentencing order recommends  
18 a prisoner for substance abuse treatment and the crime was  
19 committed on or after September 1, 2003 (the effective date of  
20 Public Act 93-354), the prisoner shall receive no sentence  
21 credit awarded under clause (3) of this subsection (a) unless  
22 he or she participates in and completes a substance abuse  
23 treatment program. The Director of Corrections may waive the  
24 requirement to participate in or complete a substance abuse  
25 treatment program in specific instances if the prisoner is not  
26 a good candidate for a substance abuse treatment program for

1 medical, programming, or operational reasons. Availability of  
2 substance abuse treatment shall be subject to the limits of  
3 fiscal resources appropriated by the General Assembly for  
4 these purposes. If treatment is not available and the  
5 requirement to participate and complete the treatment has not  
6 been waived by the Director, the prisoner shall be placed on a  
7 waiting list under criteria established by the Department. The  
8 Director may allow a prisoner placed on a waiting list to  
9 participate in and complete a substance abuse education class  
10 or attend substance abuse self-help meetings in lieu of a  
11 substance abuse treatment program. A prisoner on a waiting  
12 list who is not placed in a substance abuse program prior to  
13 release may be eligible for a waiver and receive sentence  
14 credit under clause (3) of this subsection (a) at the  
15 discretion of the Director.

16 (4.6) The rules and regulations on sentence credit shall  
17 also provide that a prisoner who has been convicted of a sex  
18 offense as defined in Section 2 of the Sex Offender  
19 Registration Act shall receive no sentence credit unless he or  
20 she either has successfully completed or is participating in  
21 sex offender treatment as defined by the Sex Offender  
22 Management Board. However, prisoners who are waiting to  
23 receive treatment, but who are unable to do so due solely to  
24 the lack of resources on the part of the Department, may, at  
25 either Director's sole discretion, be awarded sentence credit  
26 at a rate as the Director shall determine.

1 (4.7) On or after January 1, 2018 (the effective date of  
2 Public Act 100-3), sentence credit under paragraph (3), (4),  
3 or (4.1) of this subsection (a) may be awarded to a prisoner  
4 who is serving a sentence for an offense described in  
5 paragraph (2), (2.3), (2.4), (2.5), or (2.6) for credit earned  
6 on or after January 1, 2018 (the effective date of Public Act  
7 100-3); provided, the award of the credits under this  
8 paragraph (4.7) shall not reduce the sentence of the prisoner  
9 to less than the following amounts:

10 (i) 85% of his or her sentence if the prisoner is  
11 required to serve 85% of his or her sentence; or

12 (ii) 60% of his or her sentence if the prisoner is  
13 required to serve 75% of his or her sentence, except if the  
14 prisoner is serving a sentence for gunrunning his or her  
15 sentence shall not be reduced to less than 75%.

16 (iii) 100% of his or her sentence if the prisoner is  
17 required to serve 100% of his or her sentence.

18 (5) Whenever the Department is to release any inmate  
19 earlier than it otherwise would because of a grant of earned  
20 sentence credit under paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this  
21 Section given at any time during the term, the Department  
22 shall give reasonable notice of the impending release not less  
23 than 14 days prior to the date of the release to the State's  
24 Attorney of the county where the prosecution of the inmate  
25 took place, and if applicable, the State's Attorney of the  
26 county into which the inmate will be released. The Department

1 must also make identification information and a recent photo  
2 of the inmate being released accessible on the Internet by  
3 means of a hyperlink labeled "Community Notification of Inmate  
4 Early Release" on the Department's World Wide Web homepage.  
5 The identification information shall include the inmate's:  
6 name, any known alias, date of birth, physical  
7 characteristics, commitment offense, and county where  
8 conviction was imposed. The identification information shall  
9 be placed on the website within 3 days of the inmate's release  
10 and the information may not be removed until either:  
11 completion of the first year of mandatory supervised release  
12 or return of the inmate to custody of the Department.

13 (b) Whenever a person is or has been committed under  
14 several convictions, with separate sentences, the sentences  
15 shall be construed under Section 5-8-4 in granting and  
16 forfeiting of sentence credit.

17 (c) (1) The Department shall prescribe rules and  
18 regulations for revoking sentence credit, including revoking  
19 sentence credit awarded under paragraph (3) of subsection (a)  
20 of this Section. The Department shall prescribe rules and  
21 regulations establishing and requiring the use of a sanctions  
22 matrix for revoking sentence credit. The Department shall  
23 prescribe rules and regulations for suspending or reducing the  
24 rate of accumulation of sentence credit for specific rule  
25 violations, during imprisonment. These rules and regulations  
26 shall provide that no inmate may be penalized more than one

1 year of sentence credit for any one infraction.

2 (2) When the Department seeks to revoke, suspend, or  
3 reduce the rate of accumulation of any sentence credits for an  
4 alleged infraction of its rules, it shall bring charges  
5 therefor against the prisoner sought to be so deprived of  
6 sentence credits before the Prisoner Review Board as provided  
7 in subparagraph (a)(4) of Section 3-3-2 of this Code, if the  
8 amount of credit at issue exceeds 30 days, whether from one  
9 infraction or cumulatively from multiple infractions arising  
10 out of a single event, or when, during any 12-month period, the  
11 cumulative amount of credit revoked exceeds 30 days except  
12 where the infraction is committed or discovered within 60 days  
13 of scheduled release. In those cases, the Department of  
14 Corrections may revoke up to 30 days of sentence credit. The  
15 Board may subsequently approve the revocation of additional  
16 sentence credit, if the Department seeks to revoke sentence  
17 credit in excess of 30 days. However, the Board shall not be  
18 empowered to review the Department's decision with respect to  
19 the loss of 30 days of sentence credit within any calendar year  
20 for any prisoner or to increase any penalty beyond the length  
21 requested by the Department.

22 (3) The Director of Corrections or the Director of  
23 Juvenile Justice, in appropriate cases, may restore sentence  
24 credits which have been revoked, suspended, or reduced. The  
25 Department shall prescribe rules and regulations governing the  
26 restoration of sentence credits. These rules and regulations

1 shall provide for the automatic restoration of sentence  
2 credits following a period in which the prisoner maintains a  
3 record without a disciplinary violation.

4 Nothing contained in this Section shall prohibit the  
5 Prisoner Review Board from ordering, pursuant to Section  
6 3-3-9(a)(3)(i)(B), that a prisoner serve up to one year of the  
7 sentence imposed by the court that was not served due to the  
8 accumulation of sentence credit.

9 (d) If a lawsuit is filed by a prisoner in an Illinois or  
10 federal court against the State, the Department of  
11 Corrections, or the Prisoner Review Board, or against any of  
12 their officers or employees, and the court makes a specific  
13 finding that a pleading, motion, or other paper filed by the  
14 prisoner is frivolous, the Department of Corrections shall  
15 conduct a hearing to revoke up to 180 days of sentence credit  
16 by bringing charges against the prisoner sought to be deprived  
17 of the sentence credits before the Prisoner Review Board as  
18 provided in subparagraph (a)(8) of Section 3-3-2 of this Code.  
19 If the prisoner has not accumulated 180 days of sentence  
20 credit at the time of the finding, then the Prisoner Review  
21 Board may revoke all sentence credit accumulated by the  
22 prisoner.

23 For purposes of this subsection (d):

24 (1) "Frivolous" means that a pleading, motion, or  
25 other filing which purports to be a legal document filed  
26 by a prisoner in his or her lawsuit meets any or all of the

1 following criteria:

2 (A) it lacks an arguable basis either in law or in  
3 fact;

4 (B) it is being presented for any improper  
5 purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary  
6 delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation;

7 (C) the claims, defenses, and other legal  
8 contentions therein are not warranted by existing law  
9 or by a nonfrivolous argument for the extension,  
10 modification, or reversal of existing law or the  
11 establishment of new law;

12 (D) the allegations and other factual contentions  
13 do not have evidentiary support or, if specifically so  
14 identified, are not likely to have evidentiary support  
15 after a reasonable opportunity for further  
16 investigation or discovery; or

17 (E) the denials of factual contentions are not  
18 warranted on the evidence, or if specifically so  
19 identified, are not reasonably based on a lack of  
20 information or belief.

21 (2) "Lawsuit" means a motion pursuant to Section 116-3  
22 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, a habeas corpus  
23 action under Article X of the Code of Civil Procedure or  
24 under federal law (28 U.S.C. 2254), a petition for claim  
25 under the Court of Claims Act, an action under the federal  
26 Civil Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 1983), or a second or

1 subsequent petition for post-conviction relief under  
2 Article 122 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963  
3 whether filed with or without leave of court or a second or  
4 subsequent petition for relief from judgment under Section  
5 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

6 (e) Nothing in Public Act 90-592 or 90-593 affects the  
7 validity of Public Act 89-404.

8 (f) Whenever the Department is to release any inmate who  
9 has been convicted of a violation of an order of protection  
10 under Section 12-3.4 or 12-30 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or  
11 the Criminal Code of 2012, earlier than it otherwise would  
12 because of a grant of sentence credit, the Department, as a  
13 condition of release, shall require that the person, upon  
14 release, be placed under electronic surveillance as provided  
15 in Section 5-8A-7 of this Code.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-28, eff. 6-25-21; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21;  
17 102-784, eff. 5-13-22; 102-1100, eff. 1-1-23; 103-51, eff.  
18 1-1-24; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-330, eff. 1-1-24; 103-605,  
19 eff. 7-1-24; 103-822, eff. 1-1-25.)

20 (730 ILCS 5/3-14-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 1003-14-1)

21 Sec. 3-14-1. Release from the institution.

22 (a) Upon release of a person on parole, mandatory release,  
23 final discharge, or pardon, the Department shall return all  
24 property held for him, provide him with suitable clothing and  
25 procure necessary transportation for him to his designated

1 place of residence and employment. It may provide such person  
2 with a grant of money for travel and expenses which may be paid  
3 in installments. The amount of the money grant shall be  
4 determined by the Department.

5 (a-1) The Department shall, before a wrongfully imprisoned  
6 person, as defined in Section 3-1-2 of this Code, is  
7 discharged from the Department, provide him or her with any  
8 documents necessary after discharge.

9 (a-2) The Department of Corrections may establish and  
10 maintain, in any institution it administers, revolving funds  
11 to be known as "Travel and Allowances Revolving Funds". These  
12 revolving funds shall be used for advancing travel and expense  
13 allowances to committed, paroled, and discharged prisoners.  
14 The moneys paid into such revolving funds shall be from  
15 appropriations to the Department for Committed, Paroled, and  
16 Discharged Prisoners.

17 (a-3) Prior to ~~Upon~~ release of a person ~~who is eligible to~~  
18 ~~vote~~ on parole, mandatory release, final discharge, or pardon,  
19 the Department shall provide the person with a change of  
20 address form ~~that informs him or her that his or her voting~~  
21 ~~rights have been restored and a voter registration~~  
22 ~~application. The Department shall have available voter~~  
23 registration application form ~~applications~~ in the languages  
24 provided by the Illinois State Board of Elections. ~~The form~~  
25 ~~that informs the person that his or her rights have been~~  
26 ~~restored shall include the following information:~~

1           ~~(1) All voting rights are restored upon release from~~  
2           ~~the Department's custody.~~

3           ~~(2) A person who is eligible to vote must register in~~  
4           ~~order to be able to vote.~~

5           The Department of Corrections shall confirm that the  
6           person received the change of address voter registration  
7           application form and has been informed that his or her voting  
8           address is accurate ~~rights have been restored.~~

9           (a-4) Prior to release of a person on parole, mandatory  
10          supervised release, final discharge, or pardon, the Department  
11          shall screen every person for Medicaid eligibility. Officials  
12          of the correctional institution or facility where the  
13          committed person is assigned shall assist an eligible person  
14          to complete a Medicaid application to ensure that the person  
15          begins receiving benefits as soon as possible after his or her  
16          release. The application must include the eligible person's  
17          address associated with his or her residence upon release from  
18          the facility. If the residence is temporary, the eligible  
19          person must notify the Department of Human Services of his or  
20          her change in address upon transition to permanent housing.

21          (a-5) Upon release of a person from its custody to parole,  
22          upon mandatory supervised release, or upon final discharge,  
23          the Department shall run a LEADS report and shall notify the  
24          person of all in-effect protective orders issued against the  
25          person under Article 112A of the Code of Criminal Procedure of  
26          1963 or under the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986, the

1 Civil No Contact Order Act, or the Stalking No Contact Order  
2 Act, that are identified in the LEADS report.

3 (b) (Blank).

4 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, the  
5 Department shall establish procedures to provide written  
6 notification of any release of any person who has been  
7 convicted of a felony to the State's Attorney and sheriff of  
8 the county from which the offender was committed, and the  
9 State's Attorney and sheriff of the county into which the  
10 offender is to be paroled or released. Except as otherwise  
11 provided in this Code, the Department shall establish  
12 procedures to provide written notification to the proper law  
13 enforcement agency for any municipality of any release of any  
14 person who has been convicted of a felony if the arrest of the  
15 offender or the commission of the offense took place in the  
16 municipality, if the offender is to be paroled or released  
17 into the municipality, or if the offender resided in the  
18 municipality at the time of the commission of the offense. If a  
19 person convicted of a felony who is in the custody of the  
20 Department of Corrections or on parole or mandatory supervised  
21 release informs the Department that he or she has resided,  
22 resides, or will reside at an address that is a housing  
23 facility owned, managed, operated, or leased by a public  
24 housing agency, the Department must send written notification  
25 of that information to the public housing agency that owns,  
26 manages, operates, or leases the housing facility. The written

1 notification shall, when possible, be given at least 14 days  
2 before release of the person from custody, or as soon  
3 thereafter as possible. The written notification shall be  
4 provided electronically if the State's Attorney, sheriff,  
5 proper law enforcement agency, or public housing agency has  
6 provided the Department with an accurate and up to date email  
7 address.

8 (c-1) (Blank).

9 (c-2) The Department shall establish procedures to provide  
10 notice to the Illinois State Police of the release or  
11 discharge of persons convicted of violations of the  
12 Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act or a  
13 violation of the Methamphetamine Precursor Control Act. The  
14 Illinois State Police shall make this information available to  
15 local, State, or federal law enforcement agencies upon  
16 request.

17 (c-5) If a person on parole or mandatory supervised  
18 release becomes a resident of a facility licensed or regulated  
19 by the Department of Public Health, the Illinois Department of  
20 Public Aid, or the Illinois Department of Human Services, the  
21 Department of Corrections shall provide copies of the  
22 following information to the appropriate licensing or  
23 regulating Department and the licensed or regulated facility  
24 where the person becomes a resident:

25 (1) The mittimus and any pre-sentence investigation  
26 reports.

1           (2) The social evaluation prepared pursuant to Section  
2           3-8-2.

3           (3) Any pre-release evaluation conducted pursuant to  
4           subsection (j) of Section 3-6-2.

5           (4) Reports of disciplinary infractions and  
6           dispositions.

7           (5) Any parole plan, including orders issued by the  
8           Prisoner Review Board, and any violation reports and  
9           dispositions.

10          (6) The name and contact information for the assigned  
11          parole agent and parole supervisor.

12          This information shall be provided within 3 days of the  
13          person becoming a resident of the facility.

14          (c-10) If a person on parole or mandatory supervised  
15          release becomes a resident of a facility licensed or regulated  
16          by the Department of Public Health, the Illinois Department of  
17          Public Aid, or the Illinois Department of Human Services, the  
18          Department of Corrections shall provide written notification  
19          of such residence to the following:

20                 (1) The Prisoner Review Board.

21                 (2) The chief of police and sheriff in the  
22                 municipality and county in which the licensed facility is  
23                 located.

24          The notification shall be provided within 3 days of the  
25          person becoming a resident of the facility.

26          (d) Upon the release of a committed person on parole,

1 mandatory supervised release, final discharge, or pardon, the  
2 Department shall provide such person with information  
3 concerning programs and services of the Illinois Department of  
4 Public Health to ascertain whether such person has been  
5 exposed to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or any  
6 identified causative agent of Acquired Immunodeficiency  
7 Syndrome (AIDS).

8 (e) Upon the release of a committed person on parole,  
9 mandatory supervised release, final discharge, pardon, or who  
10 has been wrongfully imprisoned, the Department shall verify  
11 the released person's full name, date of birth, and social  
12 security number. If verification is made by the Department by  
13 obtaining a certified copy of the released person's birth  
14 certificate and the released person's social security card or  
15 other documents authorized by the Secretary, the Department  
16 shall provide the birth certificate and social security card  
17 or other documents authorized by the Secretary to the released  
18 person. If verification by the Department is done by means  
19 other than obtaining a certified copy of the released person's  
20 birth certificate and the released person's social security  
21 card or other documents authorized by the Secretary, the  
22 Department shall complete a verification form, prescribed by  
23 the Secretary of State, and shall provide that verification  
24 form to the released person.

25 (f) Forty-five days prior to the scheduled discharge of a  
26 person committed to the custody of the Department of

1 Corrections, the Department shall give the person:

2 (1) who is otherwise uninsured an opportunity to apply  
3 for health care coverage including medical assistance  
4 under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code in  
5 accordance with subsection (b) of Section 1-8.5 of the  
6 Illinois Public Aid Code, and the Department of  
7 Corrections shall provide assistance with completion of  
8 the application for health care coverage including medical  
9 assistance;

10 (2) information about obtaining a standard Illinois  
11 Identification Card or a limited-term Illinois  
12 Identification Card under Section 4 of the Illinois  
13 Identification Card Act if the person has not been issued  
14 an Illinois Identification Card under subsection (a-20) of  
15 Section 4 of the Illinois Identification Card Act;

16 (3) information about voter registration and may  
17 distribute information prepared by the State Board of  
18 Elections. The Department of Corrections may enter into an  
19 interagency contract with the State Board of Elections to  
20 participate in the automatic voter registration program  
21 and be a designated automatic voter registration agency  
22 under Section 1A-16.2 of the Election Code;

23 (4) information about job listings upon discharge from  
24 the correctional institution or facility;

25 (5) information about available housing upon discharge  
26 from the correctional institution or facility;

1           (6) a directory of elected State officials and of  
2 officials elected in the county and municipality, if any,  
3 in which the committed person intends to reside upon  
4 discharge from the correctional institution or facility;  
5 and

6           (7) any other information that the Department of  
7 Corrections deems necessary to provide the committed  
8 person in order for the committed person to reenter the  
9 community and avoid recidivism.

10          (g) Sixty days before the scheduled discharge of a person  
11 committed to the custody of the Department or upon receipt of  
12 the person's certified birth certificate and social security  
13 card as set forth in subsection (d) of Section 3-8-1 of this  
14 Act, whichever occurs later, the Department shall transmit an  
15 application for an Identification Card to the Secretary of  
16 State, in accordance with subsection (a-20) of Section 4 of  
17 the Illinois Identification Card Act.

18          The Department may adopt rules to implement this Section.  
19 (Source: P.A. 103-345, eff. 1-1-24; 104-11, eff. 6-20-25.)

20          (730 ILCS 5/5-5-5) (from Ch. 38, par. 1005-5-5)

21          Sec. 5-5-5. Loss and restoration of rights.

22          (a) Conviction and disposition shall not entail the loss  
23 by the defendant of any civil rights, except under this  
24 Section and Sections 29-6 and 29-10 of The Election Code, as  
25 now or hereafter amended.

1 (b) A person convicted of a felony shall be ineligible to  
2 hold an office created by the Constitution of this State until  
3 the completion of his sentence.

4 (b-5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person  
5 convicted of a felony, bribery, perjury, or other infamous  
6 crime for an offense committed on or after the effective date  
7 of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly and  
8 committed while he or she was serving as a public official in  
9 this State is ineligible to hold any local public office or any  
10 office created by the Constitution of this State unless the  
11 person's conviction is reversed, the person is again restored  
12 to such rights by the terms of a pardon for the offense, the  
13 person has received a restoration of rights by the Governor,  
14 or the person's rights are otherwise restored by law.

15 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2028, a person convicted of a  
16 felony or otherwise under sentence in a correctional  
17 institution shall have his or her right to vote restored not  
18 later than 14 days following his or her conviction. A person  
19 who is serving a sentence in a correctional institution  
20 starting prior to January 1, 2028 shall have his or her right  
21 to vote restored not later than January 14, 2028. A person  
22 ~~sentenced to imprisonment shall lose his right to vote until~~  
23 ~~released from imprisonment.~~

24 (d) On completion of sentence of imprisonment or upon  
25 discharge from probation, conditional discharge or periodic  
26 imprisonment, or at any time thereafter, all license rights

1 and privileges granted under the authority of this State which  
2 have been revoked or suspended because of conviction of an  
3 offense shall be restored unless the authority having  
4 jurisdiction of such license rights finds after investigation  
5 and hearing that restoration is not in the public interest.  
6 This paragraph (d) shall not apply to the suspension or  
7 revocation of a license to operate a motor vehicle under the  
8 Illinois Vehicle Code.

9 (e) Upon a person's discharge from incarceration or  
10 parole, or upon a person's discharge from probation or at any  
11 time thereafter, the committing court may enter an order  
12 certifying that the sentence has been satisfactorily completed  
13 when the court believes it would assist in the rehabilitation  
14 of the person and be consistent with the public welfare. Such  
15 order may be entered upon the motion of the defendant or the  
16 State or upon the court's own motion.

17 (f) Upon entry of the order, the court shall issue to the  
18 person in whose favor the order has been entered a certificate  
19 stating that his behavior after conviction has warranted the  
20 issuance of the order.

21 (g) This Section shall not affect the right of a defendant  
22 to collaterally attack his conviction or to rely on it in bar  
23 of subsequent proceedings for the same offense.

24 (h) No application for any license specified in subsection  
25 (i) of this Section granted under the authority of this State  
26 shall be denied by reason of an eligible offender who has

1 obtained a certificate of relief from disabilities, as defined  
2 in Article 5.5 of this Chapter, having been previously  
3 convicted of one or more criminal offenses, or by reason of a  
4 finding of lack of "good moral character" when the finding is  
5 based upon the fact that the applicant has previously been  
6 convicted of one or more criminal offenses, unless:

7 (1) there is a direct relationship between one or more  
8 of the previous criminal offenses and the specific license  
9 sought; or

10 (2) the issuance of the license would involve an  
11 unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare  
12 of specific individuals or the general public.

13 In making such a determination, the licensing agency shall  
14 consider the following factors:

15 (1) the public policy of this State, as expressed in  
16 Article 5.5 of this Chapter, to encourage the licensure  
17 and employment of persons previously convicted of one or  
18 more criminal offenses;

19 (2) the specific duties and responsibilities  
20 necessarily related to the license being sought;

21 (3) the bearing, if any, the criminal offenses or  
22 offenses for which the person was previously convicted  
23 will have on his or her fitness or ability to perform one  
24 or more such duties and responsibilities;

25 (4) the time which has elapsed since the occurrence of  
26 the criminal offense or offenses;

1           (5) the age of the person at the time of occurrence of  
2 the criminal offense or offenses;

3           (6) the seriousness of the offense or offenses;

4           (7) any information produced by the person or produced  
5 on his or her behalf in regard to his or her rehabilitation  
6 and good conduct, including a certificate of relief from  
7 disabilities issued to the applicant, which certificate  
8 shall create a presumption of rehabilitation in regard to  
9 the offense or offenses specified in the certificate; and

10          (8) the legitimate interest of the licensing agency in  
11 protecting property, and the safety and welfare of  
12 specific individuals or the general public.

13          (i) A certificate of relief from disabilities shall be  
14 issued only for a license or certification issued under the  
15 following Acts:

16           (1) the Animal Welfare Act; except that a certificate  
17 of relief from disabilities may not be granted to provide  
18 for the issuance or restoration of a license under the  
19 Animal Welfare Act for any person convicted of violating  
20 Section 3, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.03-1, or 4.01 of the Humane  
21 Care for Animals Act or Section 26-5 or 48-1 of the  
22 Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012;

23           (2) the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act;

24           (3) the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding,  
25 and Nail Technology Act of 1985;

26           (4) the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Repairer Regulation

1 Act;

2 (5) the Boxing and Full-contact Martial Arts Act;

3 (6) the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act of  
4 1984;

5 (7) the Illinois Farm Labor Contractor Certification  
6 Act;

7 (8) the Registered Interior Designers Act;

8 (9) the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of  
9 1989;

10 (10) the Landscape Architecture Registration Act;

11 (11) the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act;

12 (12) the Private Employment Agency Act;

13 (13) the Professional Counselor and Clinical  
14 Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act;

15 (14) the Real Estate License Act of 2000;

16 (15) the Illinois Roofing Industry Licensing Act;

17 (16) the Professional Engineering Practice Act of  
18 1989;

19 (17) the Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's  
20 License Act;

21 (18) the Electrologist Licensing Act;

22 (19) the Auction License Act;

23 (20) the Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989;

24 (21) the Dietitian Nutritionist Practice Act;

25 (22) the Environmental Health Practitioner Licensing  
26 Act;

1 (23) the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing  
2 Code;

3 (24) (blank);

4 (25) the Professional Geologist Licensing Act;

5 (26) the Illinois Public Accounting Act; and

6 (27) the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989.

7 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21; 103-562, eff. 11-17-23.)

8 (730 ILCS 5/5-5-11 new)

9 Sec. 5-5-11. Civil actions.

10 (a) The Attorney General may bring a civil action in a  
11 court of competent jurisdiction for such declaratory or  
12 injunctive relief as is necessary for a violation of  
13 subsection (c) of Section 5-5-5.

14 (b) Any individual aggrieved by a violation of subsection  
15 (c) of Section 5-5-5, any entity whose membership includes  
16 individuals aggrieved by a violation of subsection (c) of  
17 Section 5-5-5, any entity whose mission would be frustrated by  
18 a violation of subsection (c) of Section 5-5-5, or any entity  
19 that would expend resources in order to fulfill its mission as  
20 a result of a violation of subsection (c) of Section 5-5-5 may  
21 provide written notice of the violation to the Director of  
22 Corrections and the chair of the State Board of Elections.

23 (1) If the violation is not corrected within 30 days  
24 after receipt of a notice under this subsection (b), or  
25 within 20 days after receipt of the notice under this

1 subsection (b) if the violation occurred within 120 days  
2 before the date of an election, the aggrieved party may  
3 bring a civil action in court of competent jurisdiction  
4 for declaratory or injunctive relief with respect to the  
5 violation.

6 (2) If the violation occurred within 30 days before  
7 the date of an election, the aggrieved person need not  
8 provide notice to Director of Corrections or the chair of  
9 the State Board of Elections under this subsection (b)  
10 before bringing a civil action under paragraph (1) of this  
11 subsection (b).

12 (c) This Act is intended to benefit and protect the rights  
13 of individual voters and to provide a remedy for infringing on  
14 the rights granted under this Act.

15 (d) All requirements of the federal Prison Litigation  
16 Reform Act, 42 U.S.C. 1997e, including subsection (a), Section  
17 3-8-8 of this Code, and 20 Ill. Adm. Code Part 504, Subpart F,  
18 shall also apply to this Section.

19 (730 ILCS 5/5-5-12 new)

20 Sec. 5-5-12. Attorney's fees. Upon motion, a court shall  
21 award reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including expert  
22 witness fees and other litigation expenses, to a plaintiff  
23 (other than the State of Illinois) in any action brought under  
24 Section 5-5-11:

25 (1) who obtains some or all of his or her requested

1 relief through a judicial judgment in the plaintiff's  
2 favor;

3 (2) who obtains some or all of their requested relief  
4 through any settlement agreement approved by the court; or

5 (3) whose pursuit of a nonfrivolous claim was a  
6 catalyst for a unilateral change in position by the  
7 opposing party relative to the relief sought.

8 In awarding reasonable attorney's fees, the court shall  
9 consider the degree to which the relief obtained relates to  
10 the relief sought.

11 Section 20. The Re-Entering Citizens Civics Education Act  
12 is amended by changing Sections 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 40  
13 and by adding Section 45 as follows:

14 (730 ILCS 200/1)

15 Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
16 Reintegration and Civic Empowerment ~~Re-Entering Citizens~~  
17 ~~Civics Education~~ Act.

18 (Source: P.A. 101-441, eff. 1-1-20.)

19 (730 ILCS 200/5)

20 Sec. 5. Definitions. In this Act:

21 "Co-facilitators" means a committed person at the  
22 Department of Juvenile Justice who is specifically trained in  
23 voting rights education, who shall assist in conducting voting

1 and civics education workshops for committed persons at the  
2 Department of Juvenile Justice; or a member of an established  
3 nonpartisan civic organization who has been trained to conduct  
4 voting and civics education workshops ~~who are scheduled for~~  
5 ~~discharge within 12 months.~~

6 "Committed person" means a person committed and confined  
7 to and in the physical custody of the Department of  
8 Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice.

9 "Commitment" means a judicially determined placement in  
10 the physical custody of the Department of Corrections or the  
11 Department of Juvenile Justice on the basis of conviction or  
12 delinquency.

13 "Correctional institution or facility" means a Department  
14 of Corrections or Department of Juvenile Justice building or  
15 part of a Department of Corrections or Department of Juvenile  
16 Justice building where committed persons are detained in a  
17 secure manner.

18 ~~"Detainee" means a committed person in the physical~~  
19 ~~custody of the Department of Corrections or the Department of~~  
20 ~~Juvenile Justice.~~

21 "Director" includes the Directors of the Department of  
22 Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice unless the  
23 text solely specifies a particular Director.

24 "Discharge" means the end of a sentence or the final  
25 termination of a committed person's physical commitment to and  
26 confinement in the Department of Corrections. Discharge means

1 the end of a sentence or the final termination of a committed  
2 person's physical commitment to and confinement in the  
3 Department of Juvenile Justice.

4 "Peer educator" means a committed person ~~an incarcerated~~  
5 ~~citizen~~ at the Department of Corrections who is specifically  
6 trained in voting rights education, who shall conduct voting  
7 and civics education workshops for committed persons at the  
8 Department of Corrections ~~who are scheduled for discharge~~  
9 ~~within 12 months.~~

10 "Program" means the nonpartisan peer education and  
11 information instruction established by this Act.

12 "Program participant" means a committed person enrolled in  
13 the program or otherwise participating in a program workshop.

14 ~~"Re-entering citizen" means any United States citizen who~~  
15 ~~is: 17 years of age or older; in the physical custody of the~~  
16 ~~Department of Corrections or Department of Juvenile Justice;~~  
17 ~~and scheduled to be re-entering society within 12 months.~~

18 (Source: P.A. 101-441, eff. 1-1-20; 102-374, eff. 1-1-22;  
19 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

20 (730 ILCS 200/10)

21 Sec. 10. Purpose; program. The purpose of this Act is to  
22 advance collective liberation, foster community healing, and  
23 establish individuals as active members of the community. The  
24 Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile  
25 Justice shall implement ~~provide~~ a nonpartisan peer-led civics

1 program. This program, emphasizing that reintegration must be  
2 a collective effort, is designed to impart civics education to  
3 committed persons, including those on the verge of re-entering  
4 society. The overarching goals of the program are to  
5 facilitate the successful reintegration of committed persons  
6 into society, champion the principles of democracy, provide  
7 vital information to eligible voters among the committed  
8 population, contribute to the reduction of recidivism rates  
9 within this State, and improve community cohesion, recognizing  
10 its significance as a social determinant of health throughout  
11 ~~the correctional institutions of this State to teach civics to~~  
12 ~~soon-to-be released citizens who will be re-entering society.~~  
13 ~~The goal of the program is to promote the successful~~  
14 ~~integration of re-entering citizens, promote democracy, and~~  
15 ~~reduce rates of recidivism within this State.~~ For young people  
16 in particular, the study of civics helps people acquire and  
17 learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will  
18 prepare them to be engaged citizens throughout their lives.  
19 This program shall coincide with and enhance existing laws to  
20 ensure that committed persons and voters ~~re-entering citizens~~  
21 understand their civic responsibility and know how to secure  
22 or, if applicable, regain their right to vote ~~as part of the~~  
23 ~~exit process.~~

24 (Source: P.A. 101-441, eff. 1-1-20; 102-374, eff. 1-1-22.)

1           Sec. 15. Curriculum and eligibility.

2           (a) The civics peer education program shall consist of a  
3 rigorous curriculum, and participants shall be instructed on  
4 subjects including, but not limited to, voting rights,  
5 governmental institutions, current affairs, and simulations of  
6 voter registration, election, and democratic processes. Each  
7 workshop held at the Department of Corrections shall consist  
8 of 3 sessions that are 90 minutes each and that do not need to  
9 be taken consecutively. The workshops held at the Department  
10 of Juvenile Justice shall consist of 270 minutes of  
11 instruction each calendar year. The Department of Corrections  
12 shall conduct one session per quarter in a calendar year at  
13 each correctional institution. The Department of Corrections  
14 may increase the number of sessions at the Department's  
15 discretion, based upon the population's needs at each  
16 facility.

17           (b) The Department of Corrections and the Department of  
18 Juvenile Justice must offer committed persons the first  
19 ~~re-entering citizens scheduled to be discharged within 12~~  
20 ~~months with the~~ civics peer education workshop session within  
21 90 days of commitment and must offer and make available the  
22 entirety of the civics peer education program to committed  
23 persons within 12 months of commitment program, and each  
24 ~~re-entering citizen must enroll in the program one to 12~~  
25 ~~months prior to his or her expected date of release. This~~  
26 ~~workshop must be included in the standard exit process. The~~

1 Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile  
2 Justice should aim to include this workshop in conjunction  
3 with other commitment ~~pre-release~~ procedures and movements.  
4 Delays in a workshop being provided shall not cause delays in  
5 discharge. Committed persons may not be prevented from  
6 attending workshops due to staffing shortages, lockdowns, or  
7 to conflicts with family or legal visits, court dates, medical  
8 appointments, commissary visits, recreational sessions,  
9 dining, work, class, or bathing schedules. In case of conflict  
10 or staffing shortages, committed persons ~~re-entering citizens~~  
11 must be given full opportunity to attend a workshop at a later  
12 time.

13 (c) The civics peer education program and workshops must  
14 be made available to all committed persons regardless of the  
15 date they were first committed or the length of their  
16 sentence. Committed persons shall be allowed to enroll in the  
17 program multiple times or participate in workshop sessions  
18 multiple times. If necessary due to limitations on the number  
19 of persons that can attend an individual workshop, the  
20 Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile  
21 Justice may prioritize attendance for participants who have  
22 not completed the civics peer education program but shall not  
23 otherwise restrict access to the program or workshops on the  
24 basis of a person's commitment date or length of sentence,  
25 except as necessary to allow a committed person near the end of  
26 the committed person's term of commitment to complete the

1 program before the committed person's release from commitment.

2 (Source: P.A. 101-441, eff. 1-1-20; 102-374, eff. 1-1-22.)

3 (730 ILCS 200/20)

4 Sec. 20. Peer educator training. The civics peer  
5 education program shall be taught by peer educators who are  
6 persons ~~citizens~~ incarcerated in Department of Corrections  
7 facilities and specially trained by experienced peer educators  
8 and established nonpartisan civic organizations. Established  
9 nonpartisan civic organizations may be assisted by area  
10 political science or civics educators at colleges,  
11 universities, and high schools and by nonpartisan  
12 organizations providing re-entry services. The nonpartisan  
13 civic organizations shall provide adequate training to peer  
14 educators on matters including, but not limited to, voting  
15 rights, governmental institutions, current affairs, and  
16 simulations of voter registration, election, and democratic  
17 processes, and shall provide periodic updates to program  
18 content and to peer educators.

19 (Source: P.A. 101-441, eff. 1-1-20; 102-374, eff. 1-1-22.)

20 (730 ILCS 200/25)

21 Sec. 25. Voter and civic education program; content.

22 (a) Program content shall provide the following:

23 (1) nonpartisan information on voting history and  
24 voting procedures;

1           (2) nonpartisan definitions of local, State, and  
2 federal governmental institutions and offices; and

3           (3) examples and simulations of registration and  
4 voting processes, and access to voter registration and  
5 voting processes for those individuals who are eligible to  
6 vote.

7           (b) Established nonpartisan civic organizations shall  
8 provide periodic updates to program content and, if  
9 applicable, peer educators and co-facilitators. Updates shall  
10 reflect major relevant changes to election laws and processes  
11 in Illinois.

12           (c) Program content shall be delivered in the following  
13 manners:

14           (1) verbally via peer educators and co-facilitators;

15           (2) broadcasts via Department of Corrections and  
16 Department of Juvenile Justice internal television  
17 channels; or

18           (3) printed information packets.

19           (d) Peer educators and co-facilitators shall disseminate  
20 printed information for voting in the program participant's  
21 ~~release's~~ county, including, but not limited to, election  
22 authorities' addresses, all applicable Internet websites, and  
23 public contact information for all election authorities. This  
24 information shall be compiled into a civics handbook. The  
25 handbook shall also include key information condensed into a  
26 pocket information card.

1 (e) The ~~This~~ information in subsection (d) shall also be  
2 compiled electronically and posted on the Department of  
3 Corrections' and the Department of Juvenile Justice's websites  
4 ~~website~~ along with the Department of Corrections' Community  
5 Support Advisory Councils' ~~Councils~~ websites.

6 (e-1) The Department of Corrections and the Department of  
7 Juvenile Justice shall collaborate with local election  
8 authorities to make voter registration materials available to  
9 every committed person eligible to register to vote not more  
10 than 90 days nor less than 45 days before a municipal primary,  
11 general primary, general election, consolidated primary, or  
12 consolidated election, and upon request by the committed  
13 person. At the start of early voting for any election, the  
14 Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile  
15 Justice shall collaborate with local election authorities to  
16 make the registration materials described in this Section  
17 available, along with all materials related to obtaining and  
18 submitting a ballot. Mail-in ballots shall be considered and  
19 treated in the same manner as legal mail and must be made  
20 available to the voter within 7 business days of delivery to  
21 the correctional institution. Mail-in ballots must be  
22 delivered to a mail carrier within 2 business days of a  
23 committed person requesting it be mailed unless the relevant  
24 election authority coordinates with the correctional facility  
25 for an alternative method of delivery.

26 (f) Department Directors shall ensure that the wardens or

1 superintendents of all correctional institutions and  
2 facilities visibly post this information on all common areas  
3 of their respective institutions, and shall broadcast the same  
4 via in-house institutional information television channels.  
5 Directors shall ensure that updated information is distributed  
6 in a timely, visible, and accessible manner.

7 (g) The Director of Corrections shall order, in a clearly  
8 visible area of each parole office within this State, the  
9 posting of a notice stipulating voter eligibility and that  
10 contains the current Internet website address and voter  
11 registration information provided by State Board of Elections  
12 regarding voting rights for citizens released from the  
13 physical custody of the Department of Corrections and the  
14 Department of Juvenile Justice.

15 (h) All program content and materials shall be distributed  
16 annually to the Community Support Advisory Councils of the  
17 Department of Corrections for use in re-entry programs across  
18 this State.

19 (Source: P.A. 101-441, eff. 1-1-20; 102-374, eff. 1-1-22;  
20 revised 6-23-25.)

21 (730 ILCS 200/40)

22 Sec. 40. Voter and civic education program monitoring and  
23 enforcement.

24 (a) The Director of Corrections and the Director of  
25 Juvenile Justice shall ensure that wardens or superintendents,

1 program, educational, and security and movement staff permit  
2 these workshops to take place, and that program participants  
3 ~~re-entering citizens~~ are escorted to workshops in a consistent  
4 and timely manner.

5 (b) Compliance with this Act shall be monitored by a  
6 report published annually by the Department of Corrections and  
7 the Department of Juvenile Justice and containing data, which  
8 shall include the following: including

9 (1) numbers of committed persons ~~re-entering citizens~~  
10 who enrolled in the program;~~;~~ ~~7~~

11 (2) numbers of committed persons ~~re-entering citizens~~  
12 who completed the program;~~;~~ ~~7~~

13 (3) numbers of total committed persons;

14 (4) numbers of peer educators;

15 (5) ~~and total~~ numbers of committed persons who exited  
16 (including the number of those who were and the number of  
17 those under supervision);

18 (6) numbers of mail-in ballots requested by committed  
19 persons;

20 (7) numbers of mail-in ballots delivered to mail  
21 carriers from correctional facilities; and

22 (8) numbers of voter registration forms submitted to  
23 election authorities by committed persons by mail or  
24 otherwise.

25 For purposes of this subsection (b), election authorities  
26 shall coordinate with the Department of Corrections and

1 Department of Juvenile Justice to compile the information  
2 listed under paragraphs (6) through (8) of this subsection  
3 individuals discharged.

4 Data shall be disaggregated by institution, discharge, or  
5 residence address of citizen, and other factors.

6 (Source: P.A. 101-441, eff. 1-1-20.)

7 (730 ILCS 200/45 new)

8 Sec. 45. Peer educator pay and stipends. The Department of  
9 Corrections shall create and implement paid structures in line  
10 with other states' rates for incarcerated teachers, including,  
11 but not limited to, professors.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
13 1, 2028.

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