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HOUSE BILL 2518

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By Representatives Habib, Walsh, Goodman, Haigh, and Roberts

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1            AN ACT Relating to the pilot identicard program; creating a new  
2 section; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    (1) The legislature intends to create a  
5 pilot identicard program to provide incarcerated offenders with a state  
6 issued identicard to assist and prepare each offender for release from  
7 prison and reentry into the community. The legislature also finds that  
8 each step that assists individuals being released from prisons helps  
9 incarcerated offenders avoid predictable conditions that lead to future  
10 recidivism. Reduction in recidivism makes the community safer,  
11 transforms formerly incarcerated offenders into productive citizens,  
12 and strengthens the family structure that surrounds each offender.

13            (2) By July 1, 2014, the department of licensing, working in  
14 conjunction with the department of corrections, shall create and  
15 implement a two-year pilot identicard program within the Monroe  
16 correctional complex to provide offenders with a state issued  
17 identicard pursuant to RCW 46.20.117.

18            (3) An offender is eligible for an identicard issued under this  
19 section, provided he or she: (a) Meets the department's criteria under

1 RCW 46.20.117; (b) is under the custody of the department of  
2 corrections; (c) is incarcerated within the Monroe correctional  
3 complex; and (d) is within two months or less of his or her release  
4 date from the state correctional institution.

5 (4) The goal of the pilot identicard program is to provide proper  
6 state identification to offenders upon release to the community, which  
7 is critical for accessing services, employment, housing, and various  
8 other opportunities in the community.

9 (5) The department of licensing, in consultation with the  
10 department of corrections, shall review the pilot identicard program at  
11 the Monroe correctional complex and submit its findings, evaluation,  
12 and recommendations in a report to the governor and the appropriate  
13 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2016.

14 (6) This section expires December 1, 2016.

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