

Committee: Public Safety
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Title of Bill: Jail to Job Act

Section 1: Body

Relating to newly freed men who were previously incarcerated. Suggest the idea of finding economic security in easily attaining a job after re-entering the community. Statistics show that the rate of re-entry in jails or prison is well over 50 percent. Some would suggest that of those who have re-entered society and are unable to find a job purposely get detained in order to find some form of security. This act purposes a solution for America to live up to its opportunistic ways and help decrease the amount of people in jails and prisons.

Section 2: Definitions.—As used in the Jail to Job Act

- a. Incarcerated- imprison or confine
- b. Detained- keep in official custody, typically for questioning about a crime or in politically sensitive situations
- c. Security- the state of being free from danger or threat

Section 3: Provisions.—This program would be monitored by the New Mexico State Judiciary.

- a. After 6 months of re-entering society without any violations on probation or other criminal offenses, a former inmate is allowed to fill out job applications without having to associate themselves with their criminal charges.
- b. This is only applicable to jobs that don't include health services or professions and child care.

Section 4: Repeal—All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 5: Effective Date—This act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State Governor or its otherwise becoming a law. January 1, 2017