

P.L. 2025, Joint Resolution No. 18, *approved January 12, 2026*
Assembly Joint Resolution, No. 67 (*First Reprint*)

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the last week in April of each
2 year as “Reentry Week.”
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4 **WHEREAS**, The vast majority of ¹**‘[people] individuals’** currently
5 serving sentences in ¹**‘[New Jersey prisons and jails] State and**
6 **county correctional facilities**¹ will transition into communities
7 throughout the State when they ¹**‘[leave] are released from’**
8 incarceration; and
9 **WHEREAS**, Formerly incarcerated individuals face numerous
10 challenges that include finding work, housing, healthcare,
11 addiction treatment, mental health ¹**‘treatment’**, ¹**‘and’**
12 transportation, ¹**‘[and] in addition to’** reuniting with family,
13 which can lead to recidivism¹**‘[,] and’** health, safety, and social
14 concerns; and
15 **WHEREAS**, Federal, State, and local leaders recognize these
16 challenges and are working on policies and programs focused on
17 removing the barriers that prevent formerly incarcerated
18 ¹**‘[people] individuals’** from pursuing healthy and productive
19 lives when they return to communities after serving time in
20 ¹**‘[prison or in jail] correctional facilities’**; and
21 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Reentry Services Commission (RSC) is
22 charged with examining issues ¹**‘[relating] related’** to prisoner
23 reentry, including, but not limited to, identifying specific
24 services that are necessary for successful reentry, identifying
25 current obstacles to inmates receiving these services, and
26 proposing solutions to remove these obstacles; and
27 **WHEREAS**, In 2019^{1, 1} the RSC released a report that offered 100
28 practical action steps to improve the lives of those being released
29 from prison, with a focus on addiction treatment, healthcare,
30 legal issues, and employment training; and
31 **WHEREAS**, The Commission on Reentry Services for Women
32 (CRSW) is charged with examining issues ¹**‘[relating] related’** to
33 women prisoner reentry including, but not limited to¹**‘[:] .’**
34 identifying physical and psychological hardships endured while
35 incarcerated that may impede successful
36 reentry¹**‘[:] , identifying’** specific services that are necessary for
37 successful reentry ¹**‘[:] , identifying’** current obstacles to female

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **‘[thus]’** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹Assembly APS committee amendments adopted September 12, 2024.

1 prisoners receiving these services¹ **;** ¹ and proposing solutions
2 to remove these obstacles; and

3 **WHEREAS**, In 2020 ¹ ¹ the CRSW released a report that offered
4 more than 70 recommendations for how to improve the lives of
5 women being released ¹from incarceration¹ with a focus on
6 employment, healthcare, housing, family reunification, and
7 domestic violence; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Local reentry ¹**;** **;** ¹ organizations¹,
9 community¹ **;** ¹ and ¹**;** ¹ faith-based¹ organizations,
10 and ¹**;** ¹ other organizations¹ across New Jersey play key
11 roles in providing resources for formerly incarcerated ¹**;** ¹ individuals¹; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Reentry Week provides an opportunity to raise public
14 awareness about the challenges that formerly incarcerated
15 individuals face and to encourage organizations, including State
16 agencies, to support ¹**;** ¹ efforts ¹to provide assistance and
17 resources to formerly incarcerated individuals¹; and

18 **WHEREAS**, ¹**;** ¹ Public officials and
19 citizens of this¹ State are encouraged to observe Reentry Week
20 ¹with appropriate activities and programs¹; now, therefore,

22 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
23 *State of New Jersey:*

25 1. The last week of April of each year is designated as
26 “Reentry Week” to raise public awareness about the challenges that
27 formerly incarcerated individuals face and to encourage
28 organizations, including State agencies, to support ¹**;** ¹ efforts
29 ¹to provide assistance and resources to formerly incarcerated
30 individuals¹.

32 2. The Governor may issue each year a proclamation calling
33 upon public officials and citizens of this State to observe the week
34 with appropriate activities and programs.

36 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

41 Designates last week of April of each year as “Reentry Week.”