



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5134

House of Representatives, April 21, 2016

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDS FOR MEDICAL CARE OF INMATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) On or before October 1, 2016,
2 and quarterly thereafter, any funds remaining in the Correction
3 Commissaries account in the Department of Correction after the
4 purposes for which such fund was created have been paid for shall be
5 transferred to the Inmate Medical Services account in the Department
6 of Correction and shall be made available to pay for the provision of
7 medical services to inmates.

8 Sec. 2. Section 4-57a of the general statutes is repealed and the
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

10 (a) As used in this section, "activity fund" means any fund operated
11 by the Commissioner of Correction for the benefit of the inmates, the
12 revenue of which is derived from any legal source compatible with the
13 good government of any institution.

14 (b) The Commissioner of Correction may, with the approval of the
 15 Comptroller and in accordance with procedures prescribed by the
 16 Comptroller, establish one or more activity funds. The Governor may
 17 allot from the funds appropriated to the Department of Correction any
 18 amount needed in his judgment for the establishment of any such
 19 activity fund, and the Comptroller shall provide in such procedures for
 20 the reimbursement of such appropriation. The use of such state
 21 facilities as space, fixtures, heat and light to obtain revenue from the
 22 sources designated in subsection (a) of this section, is authorized. At
 23 the end of each quarter any cash balance in such fund not needed for
 24 the maintenance and continuance of its activities [~~may~~ shall, with the
 25 approval of the Comptroller, be transferred to the ["Correctional
 26 General Welfare Fund" if such a fund has been established and, if not,
 27 shall remain in such activity fund] Inmate Medical Services account in
 28 the Department of Correction and shall be made available for the
 29 provision of medical services to inmates.

30 (c) The management of such funds shall be under the supervision of
 31 the Commissioner of Correction. The person acting as treasurer of any
 32 such fund shall be bonded in an amount determined by the State
 33 Insurance and Risk Management Board.

34 (d) Unless otherwise provided by the donor, all gifts, donations or
 35 bequests made to the inmates of any correctional institution,
 36 unclaimed funds accumulated from money deposited for the use of
 37 inmates in any institution, and the interest on any such money, shall be
 38 placed in a separate fund which may be known as the "Correctional
 39 General Welfare Fund" and shall be used in accordance with
 40 procedures prescribed by the Comptroller, for the benefit of the
 41 inmates of any institution in any manner which the Commissioner of
 42 Correction deems suitable.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2016	4-57a

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, "and credited to the resources of the General Fund" was replaced with "to the Inmate Medical Services account in the Department of Correction" for accuracy and consistency with Section 2.

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Correction, Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below
Correction, Dept.	EF - Potential Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund; EF=Enterprise Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in potential revenue loss to the Correctional Commissaries and the Correctional General Welfare fund and an equal revenue gain to the General Fund by requiring that any fund balances be transferred to the General Fund to offset the provision of medical care for inmates. Before \$1.25 million was swept in PA 16-1, the March Deficit Mitigation Plan, the Commissaries account had a balance of \$4.0 million, and the General Welfare fund had a balance of \$726,000.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OFA Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The bill requires that any balances in the Correctional Commissaries and Correctional General Welfare funds be transferred to the General Fund to offset costs related to the provision of medical care for inmates. Under current law, the balances in those accounts are non-lapsing and are used, pursuant to administrative directive, for supporting the operation of the commissary and providing services to inmates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 32 Nay 25 (4/7/2016)