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1 AN ACT Relating to deductions from moneys received by an inmate;
2 and amending RCW 72.09.480.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.09.480 and 2003 c 271 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
7 in this section apply to this section.

8 (a) "Cost of incarceration" means the cost of providing an inmate
9 with shelter, food, clothing, transportation, supervision, and other
10 services and supplies as may be necessary for the maintenance and
11 support of the inmate while in the custody of the department, based on
12 the average per inmate costs established by the department and the
13 office of financial management.

14 (b) "Minimum term of confinement" means the minimum amount of time
15 an inmate will be confined in the custody of the department,
16 considering the sentence imposed and adjusted for the total potential
17 earned early release time available to the inmate.

18 (c) "Program" means any series of courses or classes necessary to
19 achieve a proficiency standard, certificate, or postsecondary degree.

1 (2) When an inmate, except as provided in subsections ~~((+7+))~~ (4)
2 and (8) of this section, receives any funds in addition to his or her
3 wages or gratuities, except settlements or awards resulting from legal
4 action, the additional funds shall be subject to the following
5 deductions and the priorities established in chapter 72.11 RCW:

6 (a) Five percent to the public safety and education account for the
7 purpose of crime victims' compensation;

8 (b) Ten percent to a department personal inmate savings account;

9 (c) Twenty percent to the department to contribute to the cost of
10 incarceration;

11 (d) Twenty percent for payment of legal financial obligations for
12 all inmates who have legal financial obligations owing in any
13 Washington state superior court; and

14 (e) ~~((Fifteen))~~ Twenty percent for any child support owed under a
15 support order.

16 (3) When an inmate, except as provided in subsection ~~((+7+))~~ (8) of
17 this section, receives any funds from a settlement or award resulting
18 from a legal action, the additional funds shall be subject to the
19 deductions in RCW 72.09.111(1)(a) and the priorities established in
20 chapter 72.11 RCW.

21 (4) When an inmate who is subject to a child support order receives
22 funds from an inheritance, the deduction required under subsection
23 (2)(c) of this section shall only apply after the child support
24 obligation has been paid in full.

25 (5) The amount deducted from an inmate's funds under subsection (2)
26 of this section shall not exceed the department's total cost of
27 incarceration for the inmate incurred during the inmate's minimum or
28 actual term of confinement, whichever is longer.

29 ~~((+5+))~~ (6) The deductions required under subsection (2) of this
30 section shall not apply to funds received by the department on behalf
31 of an offender for payment of one fee-based education or vocational
32 program that is associated with an inmate's work program or a placement
33 decision made by the department under RCW 72.09.460 to prepare an
34 inmate for work upon release.

35 An inmate may, prior to the completion of the fee-based education
36 or vocational program authorized under this subsection, apply to a
37 person designated by the secretary for permission to make a change in
38 his or her program. The secretary, or his or her designee, may approve

1 the application based solely on the following criteria: (a) The inmate
2 has been transferred to another institution by the department for
3 reasons unrelated to education or a change to a higher security
4 classification and the offender's current program is unavailable in the
5 offender's new placement; (b) the inmate entered an academic program as
6 an undeclared major and wishes to declare a major. No inmate may apply
7 for more than one change to his or her major and receive the exemption
8 from deductions specified in this subsection; (c) the educational or
9 vocational institution is terminating the inmate's current program; or
10 (d) the offender's training or education has demonstrated that the
11 current program is not the appropriate program to assist the offender
12 to achieve a placement decision made by the department under RCW
13 72.09.460 to prepare the inmate for work upon release.

14 ~~((+6))~~ (7) The deductions required under subsection (2) of this
15 section shall not apply to any money received by the department, on
16 behalf of an inmate, from family or other outside sources for the
17 payment of postage expenses. Money received under this subsection may
18 only be used for the payment of postage expenses and may not be
19 transferred to any other account or purpose. Money that remains unused
20 in the inmate's postage fund at the time of release shall be subject to
21 the deductions outlined in subsection (2) of this section.

22 ~~((+7))~~ (8) When an inmate sentenced to life imprisonment without
23 possibility of release or parole, or to death under chapter 10.95 RCW,
24 receives any funds in addition to his or her gratuities, except
25 settlements or awards resulting from legal action, the additional funds
26 shall be subject to: Deductions of five percent to the public safety
27 and education account for the purpose of crime victims' compensation,
28 twenty percent to the department to contribute to the cost of
29 incarceration, and fifteen percent to child support payments.

30 ~~((+8))~~ (9) When an inmate sentenced to life imprisonment without
31 possibility of release or parole, or to death under chapter 10.95 RCW,
32 receives any funds from a settlement or award resulting from a legal
33 action in addition to his or her gratuities, the additional funds shall
34 be subject to: Deductions of five percent to the public safety and
35 education account for the purpose of crime victims' compensation and
36 twenty percent to the department to contribute to the cost of
37 incarceration.

1 (~~(9)~~) (10) The interest earned on an inmate savings account
2 created as a result of the plan in section 4, chapter 325, Laws of 1999
3 shall be exempt from the mandatory deductions under this section and
4 RCW 72.09.111.

5 (~~(10)~~) (11) Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of
6 the department of social and health services division of child support
7 from taking collection action against an inmate's moneys, assets, or
8 property pursuant to chapter 26.23, 74.20, or 74.20A RCW including, but
9 not limited to, the collection of moneys received by the inmate from
10 settlements or awards resulting from legal action.

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