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**SENATE BILL 5029**

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**By** Senators C. Wilson, Frame, Hasegawa, Nobles, Saldaña, Trudeau, and Wellman

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1 AN ACT Relating to the transportation of individuals released or  
2 discharged from the custody of the department of corrections; and  
3 amending RCW 72.02.100.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.02.100 and 2024 c 32 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Any person serving a sentence for a term of confinement in a  
8 state correctional facility (~~((for convicted felons))~~), pursuant to  
9 court commitment, who is thereafter released upon an order of parole  
10 of the indeterminate sentence review board, or who is discharged from  
11 custody upon expiration of sentence, or who is ordered discharged  
12 from custody by a court of appropriate jurisdiction, shall be  
13 entitled to retain his or her earnings from labor or employment while  
14 in confinement and shall be supplied by the superintendent of the  
15 state correctional facility with suitable and presentable clothing,  
16 the sum of no less than \$40 for subsistence, and transportation by  
17 the (~~((least expensive))~~) method of public transportation (~~((not to  
18 exceed the cost of \$100))~~) to (~~((his or her))~~) the person's place of  
19 residence or the place designated in (~~((his or her))~~) the person's  
20 parole plan, or to the place from which committed if such person is  
21 being discharged on expiration of sentence, or discharged from

1 custody by a court of appropriate jurisdiction: PROVIDED, That up to  
2 an additional \$60 may be made available to the parolee for necessary  
3 personal and living expenses upon application to and approval by such  
4 person's community corrections officer. If in the opinion of the  
5 superintendent suitable arrangements have been made to provide the  
6 person to be released with suitable clothing and/or the expenses of  
7 transportation, the superintendent may consent to such arrangement.  
8 If the superintendent has reasonable cause to believe that the person  
9 to be released has ample funds, with the exception of earnings from  
10 labor or employment while in confinement, to assume the expenses of  
11 clothing, transportation, or the expenses for which payments made  
12 pursuant to this section or RCW 72.02.110 or any one or more of such  
13 expenses, the person released shall be required to assume such  
14 expenses. If the department of corrections has made arrangements with  
15 a partnering nonprofit organization that will support the  
16 individual's reentry into the community, the department shall make  
17 every effort to coordinate the timing of the individual's release  
18 from the department's custody, including the timing of transportation  
19 to the person's place of residence or place from which discharged  
20 from custody.

21 (2) (a) The same requirements of subsection (1) of this section  
22 shall apply to any person who is serving a sentence for a term of  
23 confinement in a state correctional facility and is:

24 (i) Transferred to community custody under the supervision of the  
25 department of corrections pursuant to RCW 9.94A.501, or in lieu of  
26 earned release time under RCW 9.94A.729;

27 (ii) Transferred from a department correctional facility to  
28 partial confinement as home detention in the community as part of the  
29 graduated reentry program under RCW 9.94A.733 or the parenting  
30 program under RCW 9.94A.6551;

31 (iii) Transferred from a department correctional facility to  
32 partial confinement in lieu of earned early release under RCW  
33 9.94A.729, or as part of the work release program under chapter 72.65  
34 RCW; or

35 (iv) Conditionally released by the indeterminate sentence review  
36 board with conditions of community custody under the supervision of  
37 the department pursuant to RCW 9.95.011, 9.95.420, 9.94A.730, or  
38 10.95.030.

39 (b) The items and arrangements to be supplied by the  
40 superintendent of the state correctional facility under this

1 subsection must be provided at the moment of the person's transfer  
2 from total confinement to partial confinement, or transfer from total  
3 confinement to community custody.

4 (3) (a) The department of corrections may only provide the funds  
5 for subsistence required by subsection (1) or (2) of this section one  
6 time to any person serving a sentence for a term of confinement in a  
7 state correctional facility.

8 (b) Any funds for subsistence provided to a person under this  
9 section shall not be subject to any deductions required under RCW  
10 72.09.480 or chapter 72.11 RCW.

11 (4) (a) The department of corrections may provide temporary  
12 housing assistance for a person being released from any state  
13 correctional facility through the use of rental vouchers, for a  
14 period not to exceed six months, if the department finds that such  
15 assistance will support the person's release into the community by  
16 preventing housing instability or homelessness. The department's  
17 authority to provide vouchers under this section is independent of  
18 its authority under RCW 9.94A.729; however, a person may not receive  
19 a combined total of rental vouchers in excess of six months for each  
20 release from a state correctional facility.

21 (b) The department shall establish policies for prioritizing  
22 funds available for housing vouchers under this section for persons  
23 at risk of releasing homeless or becoming homeless without assistance  
24 while taking into account risk to reoffend.

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