

SENATE FILE NO. SF0142

Mandatory savings accounts for inmates.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Sessions, Decaria and Ross and  
Representative(s) Landon

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to department of corrections inmates;  
2 requiring savings accounts for inmates in the custody of  
3 the department of corrections as specified; and providing  
4 for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8       **Section 1.** W.S. 7-16-205(a) by creating a new  
9 paragraph (i) and by renumbering (i) and (ii) as (ii) and  
10 (iii) and (iii) and (v) as (v) and (vi) are amended to  
11 read:

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13       **7-16-205. Disposition of earnings; confidentiality of**  
14 **amount.**

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1           (a) Payment for services performed by any prisoner  
2 under W.S. 7-16-202 shall be deposited in the trust and  
3 agency account at the institution and shall be disbursed  
4 for the purposes provided in this subsection and in the  
5 order specified:

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7           (i) Unless the prisoner is serving a sentence of  
8 death or life without the possibility of parole or is  
9 subject to mandatory savings under W.S. 25-13-107(b)(i),  
10 ten percent (10%) to the prisoner's personal savings  
11 account within the institution's trust and agency account  
12 until the prisoner's account has a balance of not less than  
13 one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Once the prisoner's  
14 personal savings account reaches one thousand dollars  
15 (\$1,000.00), the income otherwise distributed to the  
16 prisoner's savings account under this paragraph shall be  
17 distributed in accordance with paragraphs (ii), (iii), (v)  
18 and (vi) of this paragraph. Funds in the prisoner's  
19 personal savings account upon parole or final discharge  
20 shall be paid in accordance with paragraph (vi) of this  
21 paragraph;

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1           ~~(i)~~(ii) Personal necessities and assessments of  
2 fees for programs, services and assistance pursuant to  
3 subsection (e) of this section;

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5           ~~(ii)~~(iii) Support of dependent relations of the  
6 prisoner;

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8           ~~(iii)~~(v) Court ordered restitution, fines,  
9 sanctions and reimbursement for the services of public  
10 defender or court appointed counsel, the surcharge imposed  
11 under W.S. 1-40-119 and victims compensation obligations  
12 under W.S. 1-40-112(g);

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14           ~~(v)~~(vi) Remaining funds shall be paid the  
15 prisoner upon parole or final discharge.

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17           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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