

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 560

An act relating to the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund; amending s. 945.215, F.S.; prohibiting use of funds for certain purposes; authorizing use of funds for certain purposes; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (1) of section 945.215, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

945.215 Inmate welfare and employee benefit trust funds.—

(1) INMATE WELFARE TRUST FUND; DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.—

(b) Funds in the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund must be used exclusively for the following purposes at correctional facilities operated directly by the department:

1. To operate inmate canteens and vending machines, including purchasing items for resale at inmate canteens and vending machines; employing personnel and inmates to manage, supervise, and operate inmate canteens and vending machines; and covering other operating and fixed capital outlay expenses associated with operating inmate canteens and vending machines;

2. To employ personnel to manage and supervise the proceeds from telephone commissions;

3. To develop, implement, and maintain the medical copayment accounting system;

4. To provide literacy programs, vocational training programs, and educational programs that comply with standards of the Department of Education, including employing personnel and covering other operating and fixed capital outlay expenses associated with providing such programs;

5. To operate inmate chapels, faith-based programs, visiting pavilions, visiting services and programs, family services and programs, libraries, and law libraries, including employing personnel and covering other operating and fixed capital outlay expenses associated with operating inmate chapels, faith-based programs, visiting pavilions, visiting services and programs, family services and programs, libraries, and law libraries;

6. To provide for expenses associated with various inmate clubs;

7. To provide for expenses associated with legal services for inmates;

8. To provide inmate substance abuse treatment programs and transition and life skills training programs, including employing personnel and covering other operating and fixed capital outlay expenses associated with providing such programs;—

9. To provide for the purchase, rental, maintenance, and repair of electronic or audiovisual equipment, unless otherwise prohibited by this chapter; and

10. To provide for the purchase, rental, maintenance, and repair of wellness equipment, unless otherwise prohibited by this chapter.

(d) Funds in the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund or any other fund may not be used to purchase weight-training equipment, to purchase cable-television cable television service for recreation purposes, or to rent or purchase videocassettes, videocassette recorders, or other audiovisual or electronic media or equipment used primarily for recreation purposes. This paragraph does not preclude the purchase or rental of electronic or audiovisual equipment or services for inmate training or educational programs.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved by the Governor May 23, 2002.

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