

1 HB467
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3 By Representative Newton (C)
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the sheriff of a county
9 may operate a work release program for inmates in
10 the county jail. Twenty-five percent of an inmate's
11 gross wages is applied to the costs incident to the
12 inmate's confinement.

13 This bill would specify that the funds may
14 be applied to the operation of the sheriff's office
15 or for law enforcement purposes but not to
16 supplement the salary of the sheriff or any person
17 employed by the sheriff.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT
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23 To amend Section 14-8-37 of the Code of Alabama
24 1975, relating to the operation of a work release program by
25 the sheriff for inmates in the county jail; to specify that
26 the funds may be used generally for the operation of the
27 sheriff's office or other law enforcement purposes.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 14-8-37 of the Code of Alabama
3 1975, is amended to read as follows:

4 "§14-8-37.

5 "The employer of an inmate involved in work release
6 pursuant to this article shall send the inmate's wages
7 directly to the county or its designated agent. Of each
8 inmate's earnings, 25 percent of ~~his~~ the gross wages of an
9 inmate as determined by the sheriff shall be applied to the
10 ~~costs incident to the inmate's confinement~~ operation of the
11 sheriff's office or other law enforcement purposes except that
12 the funds may not be used to pay or supplement the salary of
13 the sheriff or any person employed by the sheriff. If the cost
14 of confinement of a state inmate as agreed upon in the
15 maintenance contract authorized in Section 14-8-31 exceeds 25
16 percent of ~~his~~ the inmate's gross wages, the ~~board~~ Department
17 of Corrections shall pay the difference to the county. The
18 remainder of the inmate's wages shall be credited to his or
19 her account with the county and shall be paid out as the
20 inmate requests to furnish ~~his~~ clothing, medical and dental
21 care, spending money, savings, or dependent support."

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective
23 immediately following its passage and approval by the
24 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.