



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5033

LCO No. 5849



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 18-85 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Correction, after consultation with the
4 Commissioner of Administrative Services and the Secretary of the Office
5 of Policy and Management, shall establish a schedule of compensation
6 for services performed on behalf of the state by inmates of any
7 institution or facility of the department. Such schedule shall (1)
8 recognize degrees of merit, diligence and skill in order to encourage
9 inmate incentive and industry, and (2) establish a pay range of (A) not
10 less than five, but no greater than ten dollars per week, and (B) for any
11 position requiring specialized skills or training, not less than thirty-five
12 dollars per week.

13 (b) Compensation so earned shall be deposited, under the direction
14 of the Commissioner of Correction, in an account in a savings bank or
15 state bank and trust company in this state or an account administered

16 by the State Treasurer. Any compensation so earned shall be paid to the
17 inmate on the inmate's release from incarceration in the form of a debit
18 card, except that the commissioner may, while the inmate is in custody,
19 disburse any compensation earned by such inmate in accordance with
20 the following priorities: (1) Federal taxes due; (2) restitution or payment
21 of compensation to a crime victim ordered by any court of competent
22 jurisdiction; (3) payment of a civil judgment rendered in favor of a crime
23 victim by any court of competent jurisdiction; (4) victims compensation
24 through the criminal injuries account administered by the Office of
25 Victim Services; (5) state taxes due; (6) support of the inmate's
26 dependents, if any; (7) the inmate's necessary travel expense to and from
27 work and other incidental expenses; (8) costs of such inmate's
28 incarceration under section 18-85a and regulations adopted in
29 accordance with said section; and (9) payment to the clerk of the court
30 in which an inmate, confined in a correctional facility only for payment
31 of a fine, was convicted, such portion of such compensation as is
32 necessary to pay such fine. Any interest that accrues shall be credited to
33 any institutional fund established for the welfare of inmates.
34 Compensation under this section shall be in addition to any
35 compensation received or credited under section 18-50.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	18-85

LAB *Joint Favorable*

APP *Joint Favorable*