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**SENATE BILL 5301**

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**State of Washington**

**67th Legislature**

**2021 Regular Session**

**By** Senator Dozier

1 AN ACT Relating to creating the corrections and public safety  
2 account; creating new sections; and providing expiration dates.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature declares its specific  
5 intent to dedicate any savings generated by legislation on sentencing  
6 changes enacted during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, including  
7 changes to tolling House Bill No. 1126, the graduated reentry program  
8 Senate Bill No. 5121, earned early release, and sentencing  
9 alternatives, to a special account to be used for purposes specified  
10 in section 2 of this act.

11 (2) This section expires June 30, 2023.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The corrections and public safety  
13 account is created in the custody of the state treasurer to be used  
14 only for the purposes of this section.

15 (2) Expenditures from the account may be used only for:

16 (a) Replacing the offender management network information system  
17 maintained by the department of corrections with a more efficient and  
18 technologically advanced system; and

19 (b) Implementing a comprehensive electronic health records system  
20 at the department of corrections.

1 (3) It is the express intent of the legislature that moneys in  
2 the corrections and public safety account may not be transferred to  
3 any other account or spent for any purposes other than provided under  
4 this section.

5 (4) Revenues to the corrections and public safety account consist  
6 of:

7 (a) Funds transferred to the account pursuant to this act; and

8 (b) Any other revenues appropriated to or deposited into the  
9 account.

10 (5) (a) For the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the state treasurer  
11 shall transfer any savings generated by sentencing changes enacted  
12 during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium from the general fund to the  
13 corrections and public safety account.

14 (b) Moneys transferred to the corrections and public safety  
15 account in (a) of this subsection may only be used by the department  
16 of corrections for the purposes of subsection (2) of this section.

17 (c) Moneys in the account as referenced in (a) of this subsection  
18 may be spent only after appropriation.

19 (6) Moneys appropriated to the corrections and public safety  
20 account may not be used to supplant existing funding or levels of  
21 service.

22 (7) If the account balance in the corrections and public safety  
23 account exceeds \$25,000,000 at any time, the amount in excess of  
24 \$25,000,000 shall be transferred to the state general fund.

25 (8) During the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, any residue in the  
26 account shall be accumulated and shall not revert to the general fund  
27 until the end of the biennium.

28 (9) This section expires June 30, 2023.

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