

**LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES ACCOUNT**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Luz Robles**

House Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the uses of the Law Enforcement Services Account.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides that funds available in the Law Enforcement Services Account may be distributed to law enforcement agencies based on the average number of occupied halfway house beds and the number of parole violator center beds occupied within their jurisdiction.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**51-9-412**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 439

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **51-9-412** is amended to read:

**51-9-412. Law Enforcement Services Account -- Funding -- Uses.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Account" means the Law Enforcement Services Account.

(b) "Commission" means the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice created in

30 Section 63M-7-201.

31 (c) "Halfway house" means a facility that houses parolees upon release from prison or  
32 houses probationers who have violated the terms of their probation.

33 (d) "Law enforcement agency" means a local law enforcement agency.

34 (e) "Parole violator center" means a facility that houses parolees who have violated the  
35 conditions of their parole agreement.

36 (2) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the "Law  
37 Enforcement Services Account."

38 (3) (a) The Division of Finance shall allocate funds from the collected surcharge in  
39 accordance with Subsection 51-9-401(1)(c) to the account, but not to exceed the amount  
40 appropriated by the Legislature.

41 (b) Money in the account shall be appropriated to the commission to administer and  
42 distribute to law enforcement agencies providing services directly to areas with halfway houses  
43 or parole violator centers, or both.

44 (4) The commission shall allocate funds from the account to local law enforcement  
45 agencies on a pro-rata basis determined by:

46 (a) the average daily number of occupied beds in a halfway house in each agency's  
47 jurisdiction for increased enforcement in areas with halfway houses [~~or parole violator centers,~~  
48 ~~or both.~~];

49 (b) the average daily number of occupied beds in a parole violator center in each  
50 agency's jurisdiction; or

51 (c) both Subsections (4)(a) and (b).

52 (5) A law enforcement agency may use funds received under this section only for the  
53 purposes stated in this section.

54 (6) For each fiscal year, any law enforcement agency that receives funds from the  
55 commission under this section shall prepare, and file with the commission and the state auditor,  
56 a report in a form specified by the commission. The report shall include the following:

57 (a) the agency's name;

58 (b) the amount received;

59 (c) how the funds were used, including the impact on crime reduction efforts in areas  
60 with halfway houses or parole violator centers, or both; and

61 (d) a statement signed by both the agency's or political subdivision's executive officer  
62 or designee and by the agency's legal counsel that all funds were used for law enforcement  
63 operations related to reducing criminal activity in areas with halfway houses or parole violator  
64 centers, or both.

65 (7) The commission shall report in writing to the legislative Law Enforcement and  
66 Criminal Justice Interim Committee annually regarding the funds allocated under this section,  
67 including the amounts and uses.