

1 **INMATE EXPENSES AMENDMENTS**

2 2020 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

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9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This bill creates disclosure requirements related to inmate commissary accounts.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

- 14 ▶ defines terms; and
- 15 ▶ requires correctional facilities to disclose potential policies or practices regarding

16 inmate commissary accounts.

17 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 None

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20 None

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 ENACTS:

23 **17-22-33**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

26 Section 1. Section **17-22-33** is enacted to read:

27 **17-22-33. Commissary account disclosure requirements.**

28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Commissary account" means an account from which an inmate may withdraw
30 money, deposited by the inmate or another individual, to purchase discretionary items for sale
31 by a correctional facility.

32 (b) "Commissary purchase" means a transaction initiated by an inmate by which the
33 inmate obtains an item or items offered for sale by the correctional facility in exchange for
34 money withdrawn from the inmate's commissary account.

35 (c) "Correctional facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section
36 [77-16b-102](#).

37 (d) "Inmate" means an individual in the custody of a correctional facility for criminal
38 charges or a criminal conviction.

39 (2) A correctional facility that employs a policy or practice by which the correctional
40 facility withdraws money from an inmate's commissary account, for any purpose other than a
41 commissary purchase, must disclose that policy or practice to the inmate or any other
42 individual seeking to make a deposit of money into the inmate's commissary account before the
43 correctional facility may accept and deposit the money into the inmate's commissary account.