

INMATE EXPENSES AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates disclosure requirements related to inmate commissary accounts.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ requires correctional facilities to disclose potential policies or practices regarding inmate commissary accounts.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

17-22-33, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

17-22-33. Commissary account disclosure requirements.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Commissary account" means an account from which an inmate may withdraw



28 money, deposited by the inmate or another individual, to purchase discretionary items for sale
29 by a correctional facility.

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32 money withdrawn from the inmate's commissary account.

33 (c) "Correctional facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section
34 [77-16b-102](#).

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

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