



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 300

HOUSE BILL NO. 993

By Representatives Dawn White, Goins, Terry

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1054

By Senator Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 41, relative to child support obligations of inmates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-901(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

() For the purposes of this part, "personal property" includes:

(A) A commissary account or any other account or fund established by or for the benefit of the inmate in a correctional institution or private prison operated by or under contract with the department of correction while the inmate is incarcerated; and

(B) Any account containing wages received for work performed while an inmate is in a correctional institution or private prison operated by or under contract with the department of correction, but does not include any portion of the account that is used to pay litigation taxes, court costs, sexual offender surcharges, fines, restitution, or other moneys related to the criminal offense for which the inmate is confined.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-905, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

() No more than fifty percent (50%) of the total amount in a commissary account or any other account or fund established by or for the benefit of an inmate in a correctional institution or private prison operated by or under contract with the department of correction while the inmate is incarcerated or any account containing wages received for work performed while an inmate is incarcerated shall be subject to seizure by the department. Any portion of the account that is used to pay litigation taxes, court costs, sexual offender surcharges, fines, restitution, or other moneys related to the criminal offense for which the inmate is confined shall be deducted from the account before the seizure authorized by this subsection is calculated.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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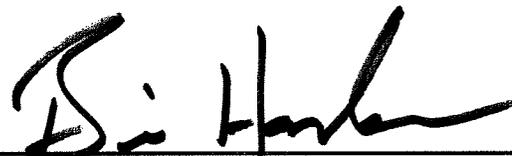


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RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 5th day of May 2017



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