

House Bill 2490

Sponsored by Representative CAMERON; Representative SHIELDS

SUMMARY

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Requires Department of Corrections to provide certain documentation to inmate upon release from prison.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Department of Corrections; amending ORS 421.125.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 421.125 is amended to read:

5 421.125. (1) Upon the discharge or parole of *[any]* **an** inmate from the Department of Corrections,
6 the department shall:

7 (a) *[see]* **Ensure** that *[such]* **the** discharged or paroled inmate is properly clothed; **and**

8 (b) **Provide the discharged or paroled inmate with the following documents:**

9 (A) **Verification of the inmate's work history while in the custody of the department.**

10 (B) **Certification of any educational programs completed by the inmate while in the cus-**
11 **tody of the department.**

12 (C) **Certification of any treatment programs completed by the inmate while in the cus-**
13 **tody of the department.**

14 (2) It is the responsibility of every inmate of the Department of Corrections, during the inmate's
15 term of imprisonment, to accumulate funds in anticipation of parole, discharge or other authorized
16 prerelease and for the purposes set out in this subsection. The Department of Corrections shall
17 adopt rules to:

18 (a) Safeguard inmate moneys, whether such moneys are from earnings of the inmate while in a
19 Department of Corrections facility, or from other sources, and to provide for disbursement of such
20 moneys to the inmate following the inmate's release from imprisonment;

21 (b) Establish, within appropriations provided for this purpose, a program of release funds to be
22 provided for those inmates who have not been able to accumulate sufficient moneys to accommodate
23 their release needs;

24 (c) Assess fees to the inmate for self-improvement programs, services and assistance provided
25 by the department when the inmate has moneys to pay for such programs, services and assistance;

26 (d) Permit inmates to purchase elective programs, services or assistance which are approved by,
27 but are not provided by, the department; and

28 (e) Assess the inmate for damages or destruction caused by willful misconduct of the inmate.

29 (3) An inmate sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections by an Oregon court
30 is eligible to apply for release funds for a period up to 90 days following the release of the inmate
31 from the Department of Corrections facility by parole or discharge, including a release to the legal

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 custody of another authority in this state. However, inmates eligible to apply for release funds do
2 not include inmates released to the legal custody of another authority in this state for ultimate
3 transfer to the custody of a law enforcement or corrections agency in another state. An inmate re-
4 leased to the legal custody of another authority in this state is not eligible to apply for release funds
5 so long as the person is imprisoned under such authority.

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