

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0261

Mandatory savings accounts for inmates.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Bagby and Gingery and  
Senator(s) Perkins

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to department of corrections inmates;  
2 requiring savings accounts for inmates in the custody of  
3 the department of corrections as specified; and providing  
4 for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8       **Section 1.** W.S. 7-16-205(a) by creating a new  
9 paragraph (i) and by renumbering (i) as (iii) and (iii) as  
10 (v) and (v) as (vi) is amended to read:

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12       **7-16-205. Disposition of earnings; confidentiality of**  
13 **amount.**

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15       (a) Payment for services performed by any prisoner  
16 under W.S. 7-16-202 shall be deposited in the trust and

1 agency account at the institution and shall be disbursed  
2 for the purposes provided in this subsection and in the  
3 order specified:

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5 (i) Unless the prisoner is serving a sentence of  
6 death or life without the possibility of parole or is  
7 subject to mandatory savings under W.S. 25-13-107(b)(i),  
8 ten percent (10%) to the prisoner's personal savings  
9 account within the correctional facility's trust and agency  
10 account, until the prisoner's account has a balance of one  
11 thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Once the prisoner's personal  
12 savings account balance reaches one thousand dollars  
13 (\$1,000.00), the income otherwise distributed to the  
14 prisoner's savings account under this paragraph shall be  
15 distributed to the prisoner as provided by paragraphs (ii)  
16 through (vi) of this subsection. Funds in the prisoner's  
17 personal savings account shall be paid to the prisoner upon  
18 parole or final discharge;

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20 ~~(i)~~ (iii) Personal necessities and assessments of  
21 fees for programs, services and assistance pursuant to  
22 subsection (e) of this section;

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1           ~~(iii)~~ (v) Court ordered restitution, fines,  
2 sanctions and reimbursement for the services of public  
3 defender or court appointed counsel, the surcharge imposed  
4 under W.S. 1-40-119 and victims compensation obligations  
5 under W.S. 1-40-112(g);

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7           ~~(v)~~ (vi) Remaining funds shall be paid the  
8 prisoner upon parole or final discharge.

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10           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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