

By Representative Harrington

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to prison inmates; amending s.
3 440.15, F.S.; providing that workers'
4 compensation benefits for inmates are payable
5 to the state and prohibiting inmates from
6 receiving public assistance benefits; providing
7 an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 440.15, Florida
12 Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

13 440.15 Compensation for disability.--Compensation for
14 disability shall be paid to the employee, subject to the
15 limits provided in s. 440.12(2), as follows:

16 (9) EMPLOYEE BECOMES INMATE OF INSTITUTION.--In case
17 an employee becomes an inmate of a public institution, ~~then no~~
18 compensation shall be payable to this state ~~unless he has~~
19 ~~dependent upon him for support a person or persons defined as~~
20 ~~dependents elsewhere in this chapter, whose dependency shall~~
21 ~~be determined as if the employee were deceased and to whom~~
22 ~~compensation would be paid in case of death; and such~~
23 ~~compensation as is due such employee shall be paid such~~
24 ~~dependents during the time he remains such inmate.~~

25 Section 2. All public benefits provided to a person in
26 this state shall be terminated immediately when that person
27 becomes an inmate in any prison or other correctional
28 institution.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
30 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Prohibits prison inmates from receiving public assistance benefits and makes their workers' compensation benefits payable to the state.