

By the Committee on Children & Family Empowerment and
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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to prison inmates; amending s.
3 440.15, F.S.; providing that the state shall be
4 reimbursed for all medical treatment rendered
5 an inmate; providing that workers' compensation
6 benefits be paid in certain circumstances;
7 amending s. 414.095, F.S.; prohibiting
8 temporary cash assistance and services to an
9 inmate; amending s. 414.32, F.S.; prohibiting
10 food stamp issuance to an inmate; amending s.
11 409.903, F.S.; prohibiting the provision of
12 Medicaid services to an inmate; amending s.
13 409.904; F.S.; prohibiting optional payments
14 for medical assistance and related services to
15 an inmate; providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 440.15, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 440.15 Compensation for disability.--Compensation for
22 disability shall be paid to the employee, subject to the
23 limits provided in s. 440.12(2), as follows:

24 (9) EMPLOYEE BECOMES INMATE OF INSTITUTION.--In case
25 an employee becomes an inmate of a public institution, then no
26 compensation shall be payable unless she or he has dependent
27 upon her or him for support a person or persons defined as
28 dependents elsewhere in this chapter, whose dependency shall
29 be determined as if the employee were deceased and to whom
30 compensation would be paid in case of death; and such

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1 compensation as is due such employee shall be paid such
2 dependents during the time she or he remains such inmate.

3 (a) The state shall be entitled to reimbursement,
4 pursuant to the medical reimbursement schedule for all medical
5 treatment rendered an inmate related to his on-the-job injury.

6 (b) This subsection shall not apply to workers'
7 compensation benefits required under s. 946.006(4).

8 Section 2. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (15)
9 of section 414.095, Florida Statutes, to read:

10 414.095 Determining eligibility for the WAGES
11 Program.--

12 (15) PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.--

13 (j) All temporary cash assistance and services
14 pursuant to this chapter provided to a person in this state
15 shall be terminated immediately when that person becomes an
16 inmate in any prison or other correctional institution.

17 Section 3. Subsection (6) is added to section 414.32,
18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19 414.32 Prohibitions and restrictions with respect to
20 food stamps.--

21 (6) TERMINATION OF FOOD STAMP BENEFITS TO
22 INMATES.--All food stamp benefits provided to a person shall
23 be terminated immediately when that person becomes an inmate
24 in any prison or other correctional institution.

25 Section 4. Subsection (9) is added to section 409.903,
26 Florida Statutes, to read:

27 409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons.--The
28 department shall make payments for medical assistance and
29 related services on behalf of the following persons who the
30 department determines to be eligible, subject to the income,
31 assets, and categorical eligibility tests set forth in federal

1 and state law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid eligible
2 persons is subject to the availability of moneys and any
3 limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or
4 chapter 216.

5 (9) All medicaid services provided to an eligible
6 person pursuant to this section shall be terminated
7 immediately when that person becomes an inmate in any prison
8 or other correctional institution.

9 Section 5. Subsection (6) is added to section 409.904,
10 Florida Statutes, to read:

11 409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.--The
12 agency may make payments for medical assistance and related
13 services on behalf of the following persons who are determined
14 to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical
15 eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment
16 on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the
17 availability of moneys and any limitations established by the
18 General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

19 (6) All medical assistance and related services
20 provided to an eligible person pursuant to this section shall
21 be terminated immediately when that person becomes an inmate
22 in any prison or other correctional institution.

23 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
24 law.

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