

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

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BILL #: [CS/CS/CS/HB 913](#)

TITLE: Inmate Services

SPONSOR(S): Johnson

COMPANION BILL: [CS/CS/SB 1012](#) (Yarborough)

LINKED BILLS: None

RELATED BILLS: None

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION: 105 Y's 0 N's

GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved

SUMMARY

Effect of the Bill:

The bill requires funds in the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund (Trust Fund) to be used exclusively to fund programs to aid inmates' reintegration into society and to provide environmental health upgrades in contractor-operated institutions, subject to legislative appropriation. The bill also requires maintenance and repair deduction fees from contractor-operated correctional facilities to be deposited into the Trust Fund.

Fiscal or Economic Impact:

The bill may have a negative impact on state expenditures by expanding authorized uses of the Trust Fund. Any such impact is subject to legislative appropriation, and any future needs for additional budget authority can be addressed through the traditional Legislative Budget Request process.

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ANALYSIS

EFFECT OF THE BILL:

Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund

The bill specifies that funds in the [Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund](#) (Trust Fund) must be used exclusively to provide for or operate any of the following at [contractor-operated correctional facilities](#), subject to legislative appropriation:

- Programs to aid inmates' reintegration into society.
- Environmental health upgrades to facilities, including fixed capital outlay for repairs and maintenance that would improve environmental conditions of such correctional facilities. (Section [1](#))

The bill also requires maintenance and repair deduction fees from contractor-operated correctional facilities to be deposited into the Trust Fund. (Section [1](#))

The bill was approved by the Governor on May 22, 2026, ch. 2026-111, L.O.F., and will become effective on July 1, 2026. (Section [3](#))

FISCAL OR ECONOMIC IMPACT:

STATE GOVERNMENT:

The bill may have a negative impact on state expenditures by expanding authorized uses of the Trust Fund. Any such impact is subject to legislative appropriation, and any future needs for additional budget authority can be addressed through the traditional Legislative Budget Request process outlined in [s. 216.023, F.S.](#)

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RELEVANT INFORMATION

SUBJECT OVERVIEW:

Contractor-Operated Correctional Facilities

The Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) is authorized to enter into contracts with private vendors¹ to operate and maintain correctional facilities and supervise inmates, which are designated as “contractor-operated correctional facilities.”² Generally, ch. 957, F.S., provides requirements with which DOC must comply in contracting with private vendors to operate such facilities, specifies minimum standards for private vendors, and establishes certain criteria for the operation of contractor-operated correctional facilities.

There are currently seven contractor-operated correctional facilities, including:

- Bay Correctional Facility.
- Blackwater River Correctional Facility.
- Gadsden Correctional Facility.
- Graceville Correctional Facility.
- Lake City Correctional Facility.
- Moore Haven Correctional Facility.
- South Bay Correctional Facility.³

Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund

The net proceeds from inmate canteens,⁴ vending machines used primarily by inmates, telephone commissions, and similar sources at contractor-operated correctional facilities are required to be deposited into the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund (Trust Fund) within DOC.⁵ The funds in the Trust Fund may only be expended pursuant to legislative appropriation.⁶ DOC is required to annually compile a report documenting the receipt sources and expenditures of the Trust Fund by September 1, and must provide such report to the chairs of the appropriate substantive and fiscal committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and to the Executive Office of the Governor.⁷

¹ “Private vendor” means any individual, partnership, corporation, or unincorporated association bound by contract with DOC to construct, lease, or operate a contractor-operated correctional facility. [S. 944.710\(5\), F.S.](#)

² “Contractor-operated correctional facility” means any facility, which is not operated by DOC, for the incarceration of adults or juveniles who have been sentenced by a court and committed to the custody of DOC. [S. 944.710\(3\), F.S.](#)

³ Florida Department of Corrections, *Annual Report 2024-2025*, [DOC Annual Report](#) (last visited May 26, 2026).

⁴ A canteen is a store within the correctional institution which sells a variety of items including food and toiletries. Inmates are permitted to purchase up to \$150 of items from the canteen per week. [R. 33-203.101, F.A.C.](#)

⁵ [S. 945.215\(3\)\(b\)1., F.S.](#)

⁶ [S. 945.215\(3\)\(b\)2., F.S.](#) There is also a State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund, in which the net proceeds derived from specified sources in state-operated correctional institutions must be deposited. Proceeds from the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund may only be expended pursuant to legislative appropriation, and must be used for the following:

- Literacy programs, vocational training programs, and educational programs, including fixed capital outlay for educational facilities.
- Inmate chapels, faith-based programs, visiting pavilions, visiting services and programs, family services and programs, and libraries.
- Inmate substance abuse treatment programs and transition and life skills training programs.
- The purchase, rental, maintenance, or repair of electronic or audiovisual equipment, media, services, and programming used by inmates.
- The purchase, rental, maintenance, or repair of recreation and wellness equipment.
- The purchase, rental, maintenance, or repair of bicycles used by inmates traveling to and from employment in the work-release program authorized under [s. 945.091\(1\)\(b\), F.S.](#)
- Environmental health upgrades to facilities, including fixed capital outlay for repairs and maintenance that would improve environmental conditions of the correctional facilities. [S. 945.215\(2\)\(c\), F.S.](#)

⁷ [S. 945.215\(3\)\(c\), F.S.](#)