



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 362***

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FINES FOR CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH FINES INTO A FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PERSONS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) The warden of each  
2 correctional facility may impose, as part of any disciplinary action  
3 against an incarcerated person, a fine upon any such person found to  
4 have committed any of the following actions while incarcerated: (1)  
5 Arson; (2) assault against another person, including against an  
6 employee of the Department of Correction; (3) taking a person hostage,  
7 including an employee of the Department of Correction; (4) inciting or  
8 participating in a riot; (5) tampering with locking, security or safety  
9 devices; (6) unauthorized or fraudulent use of a monitored inmate  
10 communication procedure or device; or (7) any other action that would  
11 constitute a felony under the general statutes.

12 (b) The warden may assess any fine under subsection (a) of this  
13 section in an amount not less than fifteen dollars or more than fifty  
14 dollars. Any assessment of such fine shall be in addition to any other

15 penalty assessed for the commission of any action described in  
16 subdivisions (1) to (7), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section.

17 (c) The Commissioner of Correction shall deposit any fine collected  
18 pursuant to this section into an account known as the Correctional  
19 General Welfare Fund for purposes provided for under section 4-57a of  
20 the general statutes, as amended by this act.

21 Sec. 2. Section 4-57a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

23 (a) As used in this section, "activity fund" means any fund operated  
24 by the Commissioner of Correction for the benefit of [the inmates]  
25 persons who are incarcerated, the revenue of which is derived from any  
26 legal source compatible with the good government of any institution.

27 (b) The Commissioner of Correction may, with the approval of the  
28 Comptroller and in accordance with procedures prescribed by the  
29 Comptroller, establish one or more activity funds. The Governor may  
30 allot from the funds appropriated to the Department of Correction any  
31 amount needed in [his] the Governor's judgment for the establishment  
32 of any such activity fund, and the Comptroller shall provide in such  
33 procedures for the reimbursement of such appropriation. The use of  
34 such state facilities as space, fixtures, heat and light to obtain revenue  
35 from the sources designated in subsection (a) of this section, is  
36 authorized. At the end of each quarter any cash balance in such fund not  
37 needed for the maintenance and continuance of its activities may, with  
38 the approval of the Comptroller, be transferred to the "Correctional  
39 General Welfare Fund" if such a fund has been established and, if not,  
40 shall remain in such activity fund.

41 (c) The management of such funds shall be under the supervision of  
42 the Commissioner of Correction. The person acting as treasurer of any  
43 such fund shall be bonded in an amount determined by the State  
44 Insurance and Risk Management Board.

45 (d) Unless otherwise provided by the donor, all gifts, donations or

46 bequests made to the inmates of any correctional institution, unclaimed  
47 funds accumulated from money deposited for the use of inmates in any  
48 institution, fines assessed pursuant to section 1 of this act, and the  
49 interest on any such money, shall be placed in a separate fund which  
50 may be known as the "Correctional General Welfare Fund" and shall be  
51 used in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Comptroller, for  
52 the benefit of [the inmates of] persons who are incarcerated in any  
53 institution in any manner which the Commissioner of Correction deems  
54 suitable.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	4-57a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow for the assessment of fines for certain disciplinary actions in correctional facilities that shall be deposited in the Correctional General Welfare Fund for uses that may benefit all persons who are incarcerated.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*