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CHAPTER 346

AN ACT to amend 46.065, 46.07 (1) and 53.12 (4) of the statutes, relating to wages and property of prisoners.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 46.065 of the statutes is amended to read:

46.065 WAGES TO PRISONERS. The department may provide for assistance of prisoners on their discharge, or for the support of their families while in confinement by the allowance of moderate wages, to be paid from the operation * * * , *maintenance, farm and construction appropriations* of the institution in which they are confined. Until the prisoner's final discharge, the funds arising therefrom shall be under the control of the officer in charge of the institution and shall be used for the benefit of the prisoner and his family. * * *

SECTION 2. 46.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.07 (1) All money *including wages under ss. 46.064, 46.065 and 53.12* and other property delivered to an officer or employe of any institution for the benefit of an inmate shall forthwith be delivered to the steward, who shall enter the same upon his books to the credit of the inmate. Such property shall be used only under the direction and with the approval of the superintendent or warden and for the benefit of the inmate. If the money remains uncalled for for one year after his death or departure from the institution, the superintendent shall deposit the same in the general fund. If any inmate leaves property (other than money) uncalled for at an institution for one year, the superintendent shall sell the property, and the proceeds shall be deposited in the general fund. If any person satisfies the department, within 5 years after such deposit, of his right to the deposit, the department shall direct the department of administration to draw its warrant in favor of the claimant and it shall charge the same to the appropriation made by s. 20.555 (50). * * *

SECTION 3. 53.12 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

53.12 (4) Money accruing under this section remains under the control of the department, to be used for the benefit of the inmate or his family or dependents, under rules prescribed by the department as to time, manner and amount of disbursements * * *.

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