



Update to Senate Bill 844 - “Transitional Savings and Court-ordered Financial Obligations”

Background

The Department of Corrections (DOC) is authorized to collect a portion of trust account deposits for two important reasons.

- (1) Transitional savings account and
- (2) Court-ordered financial obligations

Funds subject to collection would include discretionary monetary awards made by DOC to Adults-in-Custody (AICs) under the Performance Recognition and Award System (PRAS) out of legislatively-appropriated funds, and deposits made on an AIC’s General Spending Trust account.

These changes only impact deposits, money already in trust accounts are not subject to collection.

Transitional savings account

DOC will establish a transitional saving account for men and women in custody, which will be given to them upon release from DOC. The goal is to reach \$500 in a savings account for everyone eligible for release. To that end,

- 5 percent of deposits will be placed into a transitional savings account.
- Once \$500 has been reached, and no other debt is owed, transitional savings account deposits will be optional.
- The Transitional savings account is protected from garnishment.

(Note: AICs who do not have a projected release date or are ineligible for parole are not eligible to participate.)

Court-ordered financial obligations

If an AIC has court-ordered financial obligations, DOC will collect the following from each eligible deposit:

- 10 percent for court-ordered obligations.
- Once transitional savings account reaches \$500, DOC will collect 15 percent for court-ordered obligations.

The following court ordered financial obligations, shall be collected by DOC if identified by the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) or the Department of Justice (DOJ) as owed. Court-ordered obligations include the items listed below in the following order:

First Priority: Compensatory fines, victim’s restitution, and criminal fines and fees.

Second Priority: Child support obligations and other victim civil judgments.

Third Priority: Civil judgments for money damages in favor of DOC and OCE employees arising from assaults and other costs and fees arising from inmate litigation.

Updated timeline

July 2018

On July 1 2018, DOC will begin to collect money from deposits for a reentry savings account.

Early Fall 2018

The department will begin to collect level 1 obligations, which are fines, fees and restitution owed to state courts.

The department will begin to collect staff civil judgments against DOC employees.

2019 and beyond

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the courts are working on processes to identify and match child support and civil judgments to men and women in DOC custody.