



Legislation Text

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to funds remaining in inmate accounts when inmates are released

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 9 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 9-154 to read as follows:

§ 9-154 Inmate accounts. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the term “inmate account” means an institutional fund account maintained on behalf of an inmate in the custody of the department or a former inmate who has been released from the custody of the department.

b. Within the 72-hour period prior to the release of an inmate from the custody of the department, the department shall provide to the inmate written notification of the amount of funds remaining in the inmate’s account and written instructions describing how the inmate may request refund of such funds.

c. Within 60 days following release of an inmate from the custody from the department, the department shall to the extent practicable return to such former inmate any funds remaining in the former inmate’s account.

d. No later than March 31 of each year, the department shall report to the council the aggregate amount of funds remaining in the inmate accounts of all former inmates who are no longer in the custody of the department.

§ 2. Within 120 days following the effective date of this local law, the department of correction shall to the extent practicable return to each former inmate who was released from the custody of the department of correction prior to the effective date of this local law any funds remaining in such former inmate’s account.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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