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Overview

This act amends various provisions of law that apply to the Department of Corrections

Section

- 1 Permissible state claims.** Provides that claims against the state for injury or death to an inmate who is conditionally released from a state or local correctional facility and ordered to perform work, may be recovered when the inmate receives compensation for the ordered work. Current law is limited to uncompensated work.
- 2 Not in prisons.** Prohibits using any state appropriation to acquire or install works of art in state correctional facilities.
- 3 Corrections training programs.** Eliminates the requirement that the commissioner of corrections report annually on the amount and use of funds received from training provided by the commissioner to other public or private agencies.
- 4 Juvenile detention services subsidy program; definitions.** Adds a definition for "training services" to mean services provided, either directly or by contract, by the commissioner of corrections to subsidy participants.
- 5 Authorization to make subsidies to counties; expend funds to provide training services to subsidy participants.** Authorizes the commissioner of corrections to expend funds to provide for training juvenile staff who work in juvenile facilities licensed by the department of corrections or who work in alternative detention programs subsidized by the department.
- 6 Earnings, work release account.** Allows deductions from work release earnings, after all other allowable deductions, for restitution ordered by a prison disciplinary hearing officer to prison staff for damage to property caused by the inmate or restitution to another inmate for personal injury to another caused by the inmate's conduct.
- 7 Exceptions, deductions from inmate earnings.** Allows deductions from inmate earnings for

restitution, as provided in section 6. These deductions may be taken after all other deductions, except deductions for discharge of certain legal obligations.

- 8** **Rehabilitative programs.** Allows the commissioner to impose disciplinary sanctions upon an inmate who refuses to participate in rehabilitative programs. Removes the provision making participation voluntary or applicable only to certain inmates.
- 9** **Supervised release, offenders committing crimes on or after August 1, 1993.** Requires an inmate to serve any disciplinary confinement imposed as a sanction for refusing to participate in a rehabilitative program before the inmate is eligible for supervised release.
- 10** **Sentence of imprisonment.** Provides that felony sentences of imprisonment for more than one year result in a commitment to the commissioner of corrections. Prior law did not mention felony and provided only that sentences to imprisonment for more than one year resulted in a commitment to commissioner of corrections.
- 11** **Criminal justice agency disclosure requirements.** Changes the term "law enforcement agency" to "criminal justice agency" and requires these agencies to provide criminal records and other information relevant to presentence and postsentence investigations and worksheets at no cost to the probation officer or corrections employee requesting the information. Current law is silent as to whether a cost will be charged for this information.
- 12** **Admissions criteria for Red Wing.** Prohibits youth who do not meet the requisite criteria from admission to the Red Wing correctional facility.
- 13** **Repealer.** Repeals section 244.02, requiring an educational and vocational program to be mutually agreed to by the commissioner and an inmate, making the program voluntary and preventing disciplinary consequences for failure to agree to or participate in the program.