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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the providing effective education
2 for reentry success act; amending RCW 72.09.460, 72.09.465, and
3 72.09.480; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating
4 new sections.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
7 providing effective education for reentry success act.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature recognizes that people who
9 experience prolonged gaps in education face significant challenges in
10 academic and personal development, particularly if those gaps occur
11 during critical developmental years. The legislature intends to
12 prioritize timely access to education during an incarcerated
13 individual's developmental years while also prioritizing continuity
14 of enrollment for students who resume their education later in life.
15 Therefore, the legislature intends to establish the providing
16 effective education for reentry success act to ensure that
17 incarcerated individuals can meaningfully pursue postsecondary
18 education and digital literacy.

19 Furthermore, the legislature finds that the goals of digital
20 equity, inclusion, and literacy include incarcerated individuals. The

1 legislature intends that the department of corrections implement
2 security and monitoring of internet access by incarcerated
3 individuals in a manner that does not hinder participation in
4 postsecondary education degree programs or digital equity, inclusion,
5 and literacy. The legislature intends to encourage incarcerated
6 individuals to pursue postsecondary education and digital literacy by
7 enabling equitable and inclusive access to online learning through
8 Wifi, including the opportunity to possess, as personal property,
9 laptop computers with Wifi capability, together with the accessories
10 necessary for online learning. The legislature intends that the
11 department ensure that no correctional facility enter any contract or
12 implement any regulation in a manner that hinders an incarcerated
13 individual from enrolling in an accredited program of distance
14 learning at an institution of higher education as access to online
15 distance education is necessary to create significant educational
16 pathways that meet the diverse educational aspirations of
17 incarcerated individuals.

18 The legislature supports the use of digital devices, such as
19 continuous glucose, heart rate, and sleep quality monitors, by
20 incarcerated individuals to improve health outcomes. The legislature
21 finds that education and health work together to support
22 rehabilitation and successful reentry, and that personal health
23 technologies can improve the lives of incarcerated individuals.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 (1) The providing effective education for reentry success program
27 is established within the department of corrections to ensure that
28 incarcerated individuals can meaningfully pursue postsecondary
29 education and digital literacy. In administering the program, the
30 department shall:

31 (a) Permit incarcerated individuals to purchase and retain
32 individual laptop computers using current technology including Wifi
33 capability, an external mouse, camera, and microphone, as part of
34 their personal property. The department may approve health-related
35 digital technologies for incarcerated individuals to purchase and
36 possess as part of their personal property;

37 (b) Subject to amounts appropriated for this specific purpose,
38 amounts available in the incarcerated individual betterment fund, and
39 funds from grants and donations for this purpose, ensure that every

1 correctional facility install and maintain the broadband
2 infrastructure necessary to provide internet access to incarcerated
3 individuals who possess laptop computers from all locations where
4 they reside;

5 (c) Collaborate with the governor's statewide broadband office
6 established in RCW 43.330.532 to ensure that incarcerated individuals
7 have meaningful opportunities for digital inclusion and digital
8 equity. The department may apply funds from the incarcerated
9 individual betterment fund to the costs of implementing digital
10 inclusion opportunities for incarcerated individuals;

11 (d) Ensure that websites of educational value requested by
12 faculty or incarcerated individuals are made accessible within two
13 weeks of the request;

14 (e) Ensure that incarcerated individuals who use their online
15 access privileges responsibly to pursue educational goals do not have
16 access limited due to concerns about the misuse committed by others;
17 and

18 (f) Approve distance education programs and correspondence
19 courses offered by an accredited institution of higher education that
20 are part of a program leading to an associate, bachelor, or graduate
21 degree, or a direct transfer associate degree as defined by RCW
22 28B.10.696, as prison education programs for the purposes of 20
23 U.S.C. Sec. 1091(t) (B) (iii).

24 (2) For purposes of this section, the following definitions
25 apply:

26 (a) "Broadband" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
27 43.330.530;

28 (b) "Broadband infrastructure" has the same meaning as defined in
29 RCW 43.330.530;

30 (c) "Digital equity" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
31 43.330.530 and includes:

32 (i) Enrolling and fully participating in online undergraduate and
33 postgraduate degree programs, online distance education programs, and
34 correspondence courses provided by an institution of higher
35 education. Participation may include videoconferencing, submitting
36 documents electronically, other online methods, and operating
37 associated computer programs and applications;

38 (ii) Purchasing, borrowing, and retaining digital books;

39 (iii) Accessing online scholarly repositories and library
40 resources available through an education program;

1 (iv) Accessing educational and scholarly resources, including
2 online resources;

3 (v) Taking available online tests, assessments, certifications,
4 including graduate school admissions exams;

5 (vi) Preparing and e-filing legal documents in court proceedings
6 in which the incarcerated individual is named;

7 (vii) Storing files to cloud-based storage and sending files out
8 for preservation or printing;

9 (viii) Applying for state and federal financial aid; and

10 (ix) Subscribing and accessing educational and scholarly
11 resources available by subscription;

12 (d) "Digital inclusion" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
13 43.330.530; and

14 (e) "Digital literacy" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
15 43.330.530.

16 **Sec. 4.** RCW 72.09.460 and 2024 c 272 s 1 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) Recognizing that there is a positive correlation between
19 education opportunities and reduced recidivism, it is the intent of
20 the legislature to offer appropriate postsecondary degree or
21 certificate opportunities to incarcerated individuals.

22 (2) The legislature intends that all incarcerated individuals be
23 required to participate in department-approved education programs,
24 work programs, or both, unless exempted as specifically provided in
25 this section. Eligible incarcerated individuals who refuse to
26 participate in available education or work programs available at no
27 charge to the incarcerated individuals shall lose privileges
28 according to the system established under RCW 72.09.130. Eligible
29 incarcerated individuals who are required to contribute financially
30 to an education or work program and refuse to contribute shall be
31 placed in another work program. Refusal to contribute shall not
32 result in a loss of privileges.

33 (3) The legislature recognizes more incarcerated individuals may
34 agree to participate in education and work programs than are
35 available. The department must make every effort to achieve maximum
36 public benefit by placing incarcerated individuals in available and
37 appropriate education and work programs.

1 (4) (a) The department shall, to the extent possible and
2 considering all available funds, prioritize its resources to meet the
3 following goals for incarcerated individuals in the order listed:

4 (i) Achievement of basic academic skills through obtaining a high
5 school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate as provided
6 in RCW 28B.50.536, including achievement by those incarcerated
7 individuals eligible for special education services pursuant to state
8 or federal law;

9 (ii) Achievement of vocational skills necessary for purposes of
10 work programs and for an incarcerated individual to qualify for work
11 upon release;

12 (iii) Additional work and education programs necessary for
13 compliance with an incarcerated individual's individual reentry plan
14 under RCW 72.09.270, including special education services and
15 postsecondary degree or certificate education programs; and

16 (iv) Other appropriate vocational, work, or education programs
17 that are not necessary for compliance with an incarcerated
18 individual's individual reentry plan under RCW 72.09.270 including
19 postsecondary degree or certificate education programs.

20 (b) (i) If programming is provided pursuant to (a) (i) through
21 (iii) of this subsection, the department shall pay the cost of such
22 programming, including but not limited to books, materials, and
23 supplies for adult basic education programs and any postsecondary
24 education program that is not financial aid eligible at the time the
25 individual is enrolled or paid for by the department or third party.

26 (ii) For financial aid eligible postsecondary programming
27 provided pursuant to (a) (i) through (iii) of this subsection, the
28 department may require the individual to apply for any federal and
29 state financial aid grants available to the individual as a condition
30 of participation in such programming. The individual may elect to use
31 available financial aid grants, self-pay, or any other available
32 third-party funding, or use a combination of these methods to cover
33 the cost of attendance for financial aid eligible postsecondary
34 programming provided under this subsection (4) (b) (ii). If an
35 individual elects to self-pay or utilize third-party funding, the
36 individual is not subject to the postaward formula described in (c)
37 of this subsection. If the cost of attendance exceeds any financial
38 grant awards that may be available to the individual, or the person
39 is not eligible for federal or state financial aid grants, the
40 department shall pay the cost of attendance not otherwise covered by

1 third-party funding. All regulations and requirements set forth by
2 the United States department of education for federal pell grants for
3 prison education programs apply to financial aid eligible
4 postsecondary programming.

5 (c) If programming is provided pursuant to (a)(iv) of this
6 subsection, incarcerated individuals shall be required to pay all or
7 a portion of the costs, including books, fees, and tuition, for
8 participation in any vocational, work, or education program as
9 provided in department policies. The individual may apply for and
10 utilize federal and state financial aid grants available to the
11 individual. If the individual is not eligible for federal financial
12 aid grants, the individual may apply for and utilize state financial
13 aid grants available to the individual. Department policies shall
14 include a postaward formula for determining how much an incarcerated
15 individual shall be required to pay after deducting any amount from
16 available financial aid or other available sources. The postaward
17 formula shall include steps which correlate to an incarcerated
18 individual's average monthly income or average available balance in a
19 personal savings account and which are correlated to a prorated
20 portion or percent of the per credit fee for tuition, books, or other
21 ancillary educational costs. Any postaward formula offsets and funds
22 paid for by the department for educational programming shall not
23 result in the reduction of any gift aid. The postaward formula shall
24 be reviewed every two years. A third party, including but not limited
25 to nonprofit entities or community-based postsecondary education
26 programs, may pay directly to the department all or a portion of
27 costs and tuition for any programming provided pursuant to (a)(iv) of
28 this subsection on behalf of an incarcerated individual. Such
29 payments shall not be subject to any of the deductions as provided in
30 this chapter.

31 (d) All incarcerated individuals shall receive financial aid and
32 academic advising from an accredited institution of higher education
33 prior to enrollment in a financial aid eligible postsecondary
34 education program. Eligible individuals who choose not to participate
35 or choose to cease participation in a financial aid eligible
36 postsecondary education program shall not result in a loss of
37 privileges.

38 (e) Correspondence courses are ineligible for state and federal
39 financial aid funding unless such course is part of a program leading
40 to an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree.

1 (f) The department may accept any and all donations and grants of
2 money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services from any third
3 party, including but not limited to nonprofit entities and community-
4 based postsecondary education programs, and may receive, utilize, and
5 dispose of same to complete the purposes of this section.

6 (g) Any funds collected by the department under (c) and (~~(h)~~
7 ~~+(f)+~~) (f) of this subsection and subsections (11) and (12) of this
8 section shall be used solely for the creation, maintenance, or
9 expansion of incarcerated individual educational and vocational
10 programs.

11 (5) The department shall provide access to a program of education
12 to all incarcerated individuals who are under the age of eighteen and
13 who have not met high school graduation requirements or requirements
14 to earn a high school equivalency certificate as provided in RCW
15 28B.50.536 in accordance with chapter 28A.193 RCW. The program of
16 education established by the department and education provider under
17 RCW 28A.193.020 for incarcerated individuals under the age of
18 eighteen must provide each incarcerated individual a choice of
19 curriculum that will assist the incarcerated individual in achieving
20 a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate. The
21 program of education may include but not be limited to basic
22 education, prevocational training, work ethic skills, conflict
23 resolution counseling, substance abuse intervention, and anger
24 management counseling. The curriculum may balance these and other
25 rehabilitation, work, and training components.

26 (6) (a) In addition to the policies set forth in this section, the
27 department shall consider the following factors in establishing
28 criteria for assessing the inclusion of education and work programs
29 in an incarcerated individual's individual reentry plan and in
30 placing incarcerated individuals in education and work programs:

31 (i) An incarcerated individual's release date and custody level.
32 An incarcerated individual shall not be precluded from participating
33 in an education or work program solely on the basis of his or her
34 release date, except that incarcerated individuals with a release
35 date of more than one hundred twenty months in the future shall not
36 comprise more than ten percent of incarcerated individuals
37 participating in a new class I correctional industry not in existence
38 on June 10, 2004;

39 (ii) An incarcerated individual's education history and basic
40 academic skills;

1 (iii) An incarcerated individual's work history and vocational or
2 work skills;

3 (iv) An incarcerated individual's economic circumstances,
4 including but not limited to an incarcerated individual's family
5 support obligations; and

6 (v) Where applicable, an incarcerated individual's prior
7 performance in department-approved education or work programs;

8 (b) The department shall establish, and periodically review,
9 incarcerated individual behavior standards and program outcomes for
10 all education and work programs. Incarcerated individuals shall be
11 notified of applicable behavior standards and program goals prior to
12 placement in an education or work program and shall be removed from
13 the education or work program if they consistently fail to meet the
14 standards or outcomes.

15 (7) Eligible incarcerated individuals who refuse to participate
16 in available education or work programs available at no charge to the
17 incarcerated individuals shall lose privileges according to the
18 system established under RCW 72.09.130. Eligible incarcerated
19 individuals who are required to contribute financially to an
20 education or work program and refuse to contribute shall be placed in
21 another work program. Refusal to contribute shall not result in a
22 loss of privileges.

23 (8) The department shall establish, by rule, a process for
24 identifying and assessing incarcerated individuals with learning
25 disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, and other cognitive
26 impairments to determine whether the person requires accommodations
27 in order to effectively participate in educational programming,
28 including general educational development tests and postsecondary
29 education. The department shall establish a process to provide such
30 accommodations to eligible incarcerated individuals.

31 (9) The department shall establish, and periodically review,
32 goals for expanding access to postsecondary degree and certificate
33 education programs and program completion for all incarcerated
34 individuals, including persons of color. The department may contract
35 and partner with any accredited educational program sponsored by a
36 nonprofit entity, community-based postsecondary education program, or
37 institution with historical evidence of providing education programs
38 to people of color.

39 (10) The department shall establish, by rule, objective medical
40 standards to determine when an incarcerated individual is physically

1 or mentally unable to participate in available education or work
2 programs. When the department determines an incarcerated individual
3 is permanently unable to participate in any available education or
4 work program due to a health condition, the incarcerated individual
5 is exempt from the requirement under subsection (2) of this section.
6 When the department determines an incarcerated individual is
7 temporarily unable to participate in an education or work program due
8 to a medical condition, the incarcerated individual is exempt from
9 the requirement of subsection (2) of this section for the period of
10 time he or she is temporarily disabled. The department shall
11 periodically review the medical condition of all incarcerated
12 individuals with temporary disabilities to ensure the earliest
13 possible entry or reentry by incarcerated individuals into available
14 programming.

15 (11) The department shall establish policies requiring an
16 incarcerated individual to pay all or a portion of the costs and
17 tuition for any vocational training or postsecondary education
18 program if the incarcerated individual previously abandoned
19 coursework related to postsecondary degree or certificate education
20 or vocational training without excuse as defined in rule by the
21 department. Department policies shall include a formula for
22 determining how much an incarcerated individual shall be required to
23 pay. The formula shall include steps which correlate to an
24 incarcerated individual's average monthly income or average available
25 balance in a personal savings account and which are correlated to a
26 prorated portion or percent of the per credit fee for tuition, books,
27 or other ancillary costs. The formula shall be reviewed every two
28 years. A third party may pay directly to the department all or a
29 portion of costs and tuition for any program on behalf of an
30 incarcerated individual under this subsection. Such payments shall
31 not be subject to any of the deductions as provided in this chapter.

32 (12) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, an
33 incarcerated individual subject to the provisions of 8 U.S.C. Sec.
34 1227:

35 (a) Shall not be required to participate in education programming
36 except as may be necessary for the maintenance of discipline and
37 security;

38 (b) May not participate in a postsecondary degree education
39 program offered by the department or its contracted providers, unless

1 the incarcerated individual's participation in the program is paid
2 for by a third party or by the individual;

3 (c) May participate in prevocational or vocational training that
4 may be necessary to participate in a work program;

5 (d) Shall be subject to the requirements relating to incarcerated
6 individual financial responsibility for programming under subsection
7 (4) of this section.

8 (13) If an incarcerated individual has participated in
9 postsecondary education programs, the department shall provide the
10 incarcerated individual with a copy of the incarcerated individual's
11 unofficial transcripts, at no cost to the individual, upon the
12 incarcerated individual's release or transfer to a different
13 facility. Upon the incarcerated individual's completion of a
14 postsecondary education program, the department shall provide to the
15 incarcerated individual, at no cost to the individual, a copy of the
16 incarcerated individual's unofficial transcripts. This requirement
17 applies regardless of whether the incarcerated individual became
18 ineligible to participate in or abandoned a postsecondary education
19 program.

20 (14) For the purposes of this section:

21 (a) "Third party" includes a nonprofit entity or community-based
22 postsecondary education program that partners with the department to
23 provide accredited postsecondary education degree and certificate
24 programs at state correctional facilities.

25 (b) "Gift aid" has the meaning provided in RCW 28B.145.010.

26 **Sec. 5.** RCW 72.09.465 and 2024 c 272 s 2 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1)(a) The department may implement postsecondary degree or
29 certificate education programs at state correctional institutions.

30 (b) The department may consider for inclusion in any
31 postsecondary degree or certificate education program, any education
32 program from an accredited community or technical college, college,
33 or university that is limited to no more than a bachelor's degree.
34 Washington state-recognized preapprenticeship programs may also be
35 included as appropriate postsecondary education programs.

36 (2) Incarcerated individuals not meeting the department's
37 priority criteria for the postsecondary degree education program
38 offered by the department or its contracted providers shall be
39 required to pay the costs for participation in a postsecondary

1 education degree program if they elect to participate through self-
2 pay, including costs of books, fees, tuition, or any other
3 appropriate ancillary costs, by one or more of the following means:

4 (a) For a postsecondary degree education program that is eligible
5 for financial aid, the incarcerated individual who is participating
6 in the program may, during confinement, provide the required payment
7 or payments to the school;

8 (b) For a postsecondary degree education program that is not
9 eligible for financial aid, the incarcerated individual who is
10 participating in the program may, during confinement, provide the
11 required payment or payments to the department; or

12 (c) A third party may provide the required payment or payments
13 directly to the department on behalf of an incarcerated individual,
14 and such payments shall not be subject to any of the deductions as
15 provided in this chapter.

16 (3) The department may accept any and all donations and grants of
17 money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services from any third
18 party, including but not limited to nonprofit entities, and may
19 receive, utilize, and dispose of same to provide postsecondary
20 education to incarcerated individuals.

21 (4) An incarcerated individual may be selected to participate in
22 a state-funded postsecondary degree or certificate education program,
23 based on priority criteria determined by the department (~~(, in which~~
24 ~~the following conditions may be considered:~~

25 ~~(a) Priority should be given to incarcerated~~) provided that no
26 more than 67 percent of the seats available in any program be
27 reserved for individuals prioritized in this manner unless the
28 program is a preapprenticeship program. Priority criteria may
29 consider the following conditions in the order listed:

30 (a) Incarcerated individuals who, according to the accrediting
31 body, have completed a prerequisite for a state-funded postsecondary
32 degree or certificate education program:

33 (i) Within the last five years;

34 (ii) Within the last five to 10 years; and

35 (iii) More than 10 years ago;

36 (b) Incarcerated individuals who do not already possess a
37 postsecondary education degree; and

38 ~~((b))~~ (c) Incarcerated individuals with individual reentry
39 plans that include participation in a postsecondary degree or
40 certificate education program that is:

1 (i) Offered at the incarcerated individual's state correctional
2 institution;

3 (ii) Approved by the department as an eligible and effective
4 postsecondary education degree program; and

5 (iii) Limited to a postsecondary degree or certificate program.

6 (5)(a) The department shall collaborate with nonprofit entities
7 and community-based postsecondary education programs to create and
8 expand postsecondary degrees and certificate programs. Participating
9 nonprofit entities and community-based postsecondary education
10 programs shall provide:

11 (i) Accredited postsecondary education degree or certificate
12 programs to incarcerated individuals; or

13 (ii) Faculty, graduate or undergraduate students, or community
14 professionals in correctional facilities to support postsecondary
15 learning and professional development through study groups, lectures,
16 seminars, peer-to-peer and peer-led study, and other activities.

17 (b) The department shall provide approved nonprofit entities and
18 community-based postsecondary education programs with at least one
19 room in each correctional facility for incarcerated individuals and
20 the staff, volunteers, and sponsors of such nonprofit entities and
21 programs to maintain and use technology, including smart boards,
22 computers with internet access, photocopiers, and printers, for
23 fulfilling educational goals.

24 (c) Each nonprofit entity and community-based postsecondary
25 education program must cover the cost of the technologies and
26 supplies it uses.

27 (6) The department shall work with the college board as defined
28 in RCW 28B.50.030 to develop a plan to assist incarcerated
29 individuals selected to participate in postsecondary degree or
30 certificate programs with filing a free application for federal
31 student aid or the Washington application for state financial aid.

32 ~~((+6))~~ (7) Any funds collected by the department under this
33 section shall be used solely for the creation, maintenance, or
34 expansion of postsecondary education degree programs for incarcerated
35 individuals.

36 **Sec. 6.** RCW 72.09.480 and 2024 c 32 s 3 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

38 (1) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the
39 definitions in this section apply to this section.

1 (a) "Cost of incarceration" means the cost of providing an inmate
2 with shelter, food, clothing, transportation, supervision, and other
3 services and supplies as may be necessary for the maintenance and
4 support of the inmate while in the custody of the department, based
5 on the average per inmate costs established by the department and the
6 office of financial management.

7 (b) "Minimum term of confinement" means the minimum amount of
8 time an inmate will be confined in the custody of the department,
9 considering the sentence imposed and adjusted for the total potential
10 earned early release time available to the inmate.

11 (c) "Program" means any series of courses or classes necessary to
12 achieve a proficiency standard, certificate, or postsecondary degree.

13 (2) When an inmate, except as provided in subsections (4) through
14 (11) of this section, receives any funds in addition to his or her
15 wages or gratuities, except settlements or awards resulting from
16 legal action, the additional funds shall be subject to the following
17 deductions and the priorities established in chapter 72.11 RCW:

18 (a) Five percent to the crime victims' compensation account
19 provided in RCW 7.68.045;

20 (b) Ten percent to a department personal inmate savings account;

21 (c) Twenty percent for payment of legal financial obligations for
22 all inmates who have legal financial obligations owing in any
23 Washington state superior court;

24 (d) Twenty percent for any child support owed under a support
25 order;

26 (e) Twenty percent to the department to contribute to the cost of
27 incarceration; and

28 (f) Twenty percent for payment of any civil judgment for assault
29 for all inmates who are subject to a civil judgment for assault in
30 any Washington state court or federal court.

31 (3) When an inmate, except as provided in subsection (10) of this
32 section, receives any funds from a settlement or award resulting from
33 a legal action, the additional funds shall be subject to the
34 deductions in RCW 72.09.111(1)(a) and the priorities established in
35 chapter 72.11 RCW.

36 (4) When an inmate who is subject to a child support order
37 receives funds from an inheritance, the deduction required under
38 subsection (2)(e) and (f) of this section shall only apply after the
39 child support obligation has been paid in full.

1 (5) The amount deducted from an inmate's funds under subsection
2 (2) of this section shall not exceed the department's total cost of
3 incarceration for the inmate incurred during the inmate's minimum or
4 actual term of confinement, whichever is longer.

5 (6)(a) The deductions required under subsection (2) of this
6 section shall not apply to funds received by the department from an
7 offender or from a third party on behalf of an offender for payment
8 of education or vocational programs or postsecondary (~~education~~)
9 degree or certificate education programs as provided in RCW 72.09.460
10 and 72.09.465.

11 (b) The deductions required under subsection (2) of this section
12 shall not apply to funds received by the department from a third
13 party, including but not limited to a nonprofit entity on behalf of
14 the department's education, vocation, or postsecondary education
15 degree programs.

16 (c) The deductions required under subsection (2) of this section
17 shall not apply to funds received by the department from a third
18 party, including a nonprofit entity on behalf of an incarcerated
19 individual for the costs of purchasing a laptop computer and any
20 associated accessories and technology permitted under section 3 of
21 this act, as well as any costs associated with pursuing online
22 learning, including tuition, fees, electronic books and media, and
23 online subscription services.

24 (7) The deductions required under subsection (2) of this section
25 shall not apply to any money received by the department, on behalf of
26 an inmate, from family or other outside sources for the payment of
27 postage expenses. Money received under this subsection may only be
28 used for the payment of postage expenses and may not be transferred
29 to any other account or purpose. Money that remains unused in the
30 inmate's postage fund at the time of release shall be subject to the
31 deductions outlined in subsection (2) of this section.

32 (8) The deductions required under subsection (2) of this section
33 do not apply to any money received by the department on behalf of an
34 inmate from family or other outside sources for the payment of
35 certain medical expenses. Money received under this subsection may
36 only be used for the payment of medical expenses associated with the
37 purchase of eyeglasses, over-the-counter medications, and offender
38 copayments. Funds received specifically for these purposes may not be
39 transferred to any other account or purpose. Money that remains

1 unused in the inmate's medical fund at the time of release is subject
2 to deductions under subsection (2) of this section.

3 (9) The deductions required under subsection (2) of this section
4 do not apply to any money received by the department on behalf of an
5 inmate from family or other outside sources for the purchase of
6 commissary items. Money received under this subsection may only be
7 used for the purchase of items on the facility commissary list. The
8 amount received by each inmate under this subsection may not exceed
9 the monthly allowance for commissary purchases as allowed by the
10 department. Funds received specifically for these purposes may not be
11 transferred to any other fund, account, or purpose. Money that
12 remains unused in the inmate's commissary fund at the time of release
13 is subject to deductions under subsection (2) of this section.

14 (10) Inmates sentenced to life imprisonment without possibility
15 of release or sentenced to death under chapter 10.95 RCW receives
16 funds, deductions are required under subsection (2) of this section,
17 with the exception of a personal inmate savings account under
18 subsection (2)(b) of this section.

19 (11) The deductions required under subsection (2) of this section
20 do not apply to funds for subsistence issued by the department to an
21 inmate:

22 (a) Upon the person's transfer from total confinement to partial
23 confinement, or transfer from total confinement to community custody,
24 pursuant to RCW 72.02.100; or

25 (b) For a furlough pursuant to RCW 72.66.070.

26 (12) The secretary of the department of corrections, or his or
27 her designee, may exempt an inmate from a personal inmate savings
28 account under subsection (2)(b) of this section if the inmate's
29 earliest release date is beyond the inmate's life expectancy.

30 (13) The interest earned on an inmate savings account created as
31 a result of the plan in section 4, chapter 325, Laws of 1999 shall be
32 exempt from the mandatory deductions under this section and RCW
33 72.09.111.

34 (14) Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the
35 department of social and health services division of child support,
36 the county clerk, or a restitution recipient from taking collection
37 action against an inmate's moneys, assets, or property pursuant to
38 chapter 9.94A, 26.23, 74.20, or 74.20A RCW including, but not limited

1 to, the collection of moneys received by the inmate from settlements
2 or awards resulting from legal action.

--- **END** ---