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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to prison inmates; amending s.
440.15, F.S.; providing that workers'
compensation benefits for inmates are payable
to the state; prohibiting inmates from
receiving public assistance benefits; providing
an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 440.15, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

440.15 Compensation for disability.--Compensation for
disability shall be paid to the employee, subject to the
limits provided in s. 440.12(2), as follows:

(9) EMPLOYEE BECOMES INMATE OF INSTITUTION.--~~If in
case an employee becomes an inmate of a public institution,
then no compensation shall be payable to this state unless she
or he has dependent upon her or him for support a person or
persons defined as dependents elsewhere in this chapter, whose
dependency shall be determined as if the employee were
deceased and to whom compensation would be paid in case of
death; and such compensation as is due such employee shall be
paid such dependents during the time she or he remains such
inmate.~~

Section 2. All public benefits provided to a person in
this state shall be terminated immediately when that person
becomes an inmate in any prison or other correctional
institution. This section does not apply to workers'
compensation benefits required under section 946.006(4),
Florida Statutes.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

SENATE SUMMARY

Prohibits prison inmates from receiving public assistance benefits and makes their workers' compensation benefits payable to the state.