

HCS HB 924 -- COUNTY JAILS

SPONSOR: Remole

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill specifies that, upon an inmate's, prisoner's, or detainee's release or discharge, a check for the inmate's, prisoner's, or detainee's canteen or commissary account balance shall be prepared if the balance of such account is at least \$10. The check shall be mailed within 30 days of discharge or release to the address provided by the inmate, prisoner, or detainee. The inmate, prisoner, or detainee may receive the check at the facility upon discharge.

If the balance of the account is less than \$10, the balance shall be deposited into the Inmate Prisoner Detainee Security Fund and used according to statute.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this would help save the counties time and money, because they have had to cut checks for under a dollar, and a lot of them remain un-cashed. It is burdensome to have to keep track of every single canteen fund balance right now, and it would be more helpful to have to keep track of and write checks for balances of at least \$10 only.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Remole and Penny Henry, Randolph County Treasurer.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.