South Carolina Department of Corrections

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AGENCY MAIL SERVICE

The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
111 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Chairman, House Ways & Means Committee
525 Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Leatherman and Chairman Smith:

Please accept the following as the Report of Fines and Fees for the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) pursuant to Proviso 117.73.

117.73. (GP: Fines and Fees Report) In order to promote accountability and transparency, each state agency must provide and release to the public via the agency's website, a report of all aggregate amounts of fines and fees that were charged and collected by that state agency in the prior fiscal year. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the code section, regulation, or proviso that authorized the fines and fees to be charged, collected, or received; (2) the amount of the fine or fee; (3) the amount received by source; (4) the purpose for which the funds were expended by the agency; (5) the amount of funds transferred to the general fund, if applicable, and the authority by which the transfer took place; and (6) the amount of funds transferred to another entity, if applicable, and the authority by which the transfer took place, as well as the name of the entity to which the funds were transferred. The report must be posted online by September first. Additionally, the report must be delivered to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by September first. Funds appropriated to and/or authorized for use by each state agency shall be used to accomplish this directive.

Medical Expenses

65.8. (CORR: Medical Expenses) The Department of Corrections shall be authorized to charge inmates a nominal fee for any medical treatment or consultation provided at the request of or initiated by the inmate. A nominal co-pay shall be charged for prescribed medications. Inmates shall not be charged for psychological or mental health visits.

SCDC charges non-work release inmates $5.00 per medical encounter and $5.00 per filled prescription. Work Release inmates are charged $12.00 per medical encounter and $12.00 per filled prescription. Inmates are not charged for more than three (3) prescriptions in any calendar month. Inmates are not charged for exempted services and medications, such as psychological or mental health visits. Inmates who do not have sufficient funds to pay for their co-payment fees will have a restitution balance added to their inmate account and be provided the services.

TOTAL COLLECTED FOR FY19: $408,961

Work Release Transportation Fee
65.17. (CORR: Work Release Transportation Fee) The South Carolina Department of Corrections is authorized to charge a $4.00 per-day transportation fee to participants in the work release program only when such transportation is provided by the department. Monies collected shall be credited to the South Carolina Department of Corrections and utilized solely to fund transportation of work release participants and vehicle replacement for the work release program.
TOTAL COLLECTED FOR FY19: $152,676

DNA Fee
Section 23-3-670. Cost of collection supplies for processing samples; processing fees.
(A) The cost of collection supplies for processing a sample pursuant to this article must be paid by the general fund of the State. A person who is required to provide a sample pursuant to this article, upon conviction, pleading guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeiting bond, must pay a two hundred fifty-dollar processing fee which may not be waived by the court. However:

(1) if the person is incarcerated, the fee must be paid before the person is paroled or released from confinement and may be garnished from wages the person earns while incarcerated; and

(2) if the person is not sentenced to a term of confinement, payment of the fee must be a condition of the person's sentence and may be paid in installments if so ordered by the court.

(B) The processing fee assessed pursuant to this section must be remitted to the general fund of the State and credited to the State Law Enforcement Division to offset the expenses SLED incurs in carrying out the provisions of this article.
TOTAL PAYMENT TO SLED FOR FY19: $270,829

Prison Industries Raw Material Vendor Late Fees
SCDC charges a late fee to manufacturing vendors when products are not manufactured and delivered in a timely manner per the contract dates.
TOTAL COLLECTED FOR FY19: $14,985

In a continuing effort to promote accountability and transparency and in accordance with proviso 117.74, this report will be posted on the Agency's web site.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact John Morgan, Director, Division of Budget & Finance at 803-896-2250.

Sincerely,

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