



SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Safety, Service, and Stewardship

HENRY McMASTER, Governor
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AGENCY MAIL SERVICE

The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr.
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
111 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

The Honorable Bruce W. Bannister
Chairman, House Ways & Means Committee
525 Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Fees/Fines Report 2025

Dear Chairman Peeler and Chairman Bannister:

Please accept the following as the Report of Fines and Fees for the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) pursuant to Proviso 117.69.

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 services.

TOTAL COLLECTED FOR FY25: \$307,718.50

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 FY25: \$117,720

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 FY25: \$184,919.97

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 FY25: \$0.00

In a continuing effort to promote accountability and transparency and in accordance with proviso 117.69, this report will be posted on the Agency's web site.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Scott A. Ludlam, Division Director for Finance and Accounting at (803) 896-2250.

Sincerely,


Joel Anderson

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