

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 604

Approved by the Governor March 18, 2002

Introduced by Legislative Program Evaluation Committee:

Engel, 17, Chairperson; Coordsen, 32; Beutler, 28; Price, 26;  
Wehrbein, 2

AN ACT relating to the Department of Correctional Services; to amend section 83-915, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to investment of inmate funds and surplus trust funds; to create a fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 83-915, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

83-915. ~~The chief executive officer of any state institution under the control of the Department of Correctional Services shall invest any surplus trust funds belonging to inmates in its custody in United States Government bonds, in federally insured bank instruments of investment, in federally insured savings and loan associations, or with the state investment officer. any surplus of trust funds which he or she may have in his or her hands belonging to the inmates of the institution under his or her control. The income interest accruing from the investment shall be used for the general entertainment of the inmates of the institution any investments shall be credited to the Inmate Welfare and Club Accounts Fund created under section 2 of this act. The department shall also provide inmates with the option of having an interest-earning savings account and shall notify the inmates of such option and the terms of such account.~~

Sec. 2. The Inmate Welfare and Club Accounts Fund is created. The fund shall consist of revenue from soft drinks sold to inmates in the custody of the Department of Correctional Services, profit from departmental canteens, interest earned by the fund, interest on inmate trust funds pursuant to section 83-915, or other revenue at the department's discretion. The fund shall be used to provide recreational activities and equipment for inmates at all of the department's correctional facilities. The fund shall be administered by the Director of Correctional Services or his or her designee. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 3. Original section 83-915, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.