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SUMMARY

- Expands the allowable uses of jail commissary funds profits.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Allowable commissary fund uses

The bill expands the allowable uses of jail commissary funds profits. Under the bill, the profits may be used to purchase supplies and equipment necessary for the operations of the jail facility if the purchased items exceed the minimum standards required by state or federal regulations.¹ The profits may also be used to cover emergency expenses for a jail facility if the agency can demonstrate the urgency of the expenditure, that the allocated funding has been exhausted, and that the cost is not covered by the existing budget.²

The bill also allows profits to be used to supplement costs for equipment, salaries, training, and operational expenses of investigative personnel or units tasked with investigating and safeguarding the rights of inmates.³

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	07-21-25

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¹ R.C. 341.25(B)(3)(e).

² R.C. 341.25(B)(3)(f).

³ R.C. 341.25(B)(3)(g).