

**904.311 Contingent fund — inmate tort claim fund.**

1. The director may permit the superintendent or the district director, as applicable, of each institution to retain a stated amount of funds in possession as a contingent fund for the payment of freight, postage, commodities purchased on authority of the director on a cash basis, salaries, inmate allowances, and bills granting discount for cash. If necessary, the director shall make proper requisition upon the director of the department of administrative services for a warrant on the treasurer of state to secure the contingent fund for each institution.

2. There is established in the office of the director an inmate tort claim fund. This fund shall be used to reimburse inmates for the damage or loss of personal property caused by the department. Reimbursement for a single loss may be up to one hundred dollars. [Section 8.33](#) notwithstanding, moneys in the fund shall not revert but shall remain in the fund. The fund shall be replenished from the general appropriation to the institutions as necessary to meet the obligations of the fund.

3. Tort claims denied at the institution shall be forwarded to the state appeal board for its consideration as if originally filed with that body. This procedure shall be used in lieu of the procedure in [chapter 669](#) for inmate tort claims of less than one hundred dollars.

[83 Acts, ch 96, §38, 159](#)

[CS83, §217A.54](#)

[85 Acts, ch 21, §54](#)

[CS85, §246.311](#)

[88 Acts, ch 1049, §2](#)

[C93, §904.311](#)

[94 Acts, ch 1142, §7; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286; 2018 Acts, ch 1041, §127; 2024 Acts, ch 1182, §65](#)