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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the inmate telephone rebate fund established
2 in the department of corrections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 904.508A, Code 2001, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 904.508A INMATE TELEPHONE REBATE FUND.

4 The It is the policy of the department to encourage and
5 facilitate family relationships between an inmate and the
6 inmate's family. In order to encourage the inmate's family
7 relationships, the department shall operate a telephone system
8 that generates no more revenue for the department than it
9 costs to operate the system. If the department collects more
10 in revenue from inmates' use of the system than it costs to
11 operate the system, the department is authorized to establish
12 and maintain an inmate telephone rebate fund in each
13 institution for the deposit of moneys received for-inmate
14 telephone-rebates in excess of the costs to operate the
15 system. All funds deposited in this fund shall be used for
16 the benefit of inmates. ~~The director shall adopt rules~~
17 ~~providing for the disbursement of moneys from the fund.~~ For
18 purposes of this section, "benefit of inmates" means to
19 financially assist an inmate who is granted an emergency
20 furlough to visit a family member who is terminally ill or to
21 attend a family member's funeral.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill relates to the inmate telephone rebate fund
24 established in the department of corrections.

25 The bill encourages the department of corrections to foster
26 an inmate's family relationships. The bill provides that in
27 order to facilitate an inmate's family relationships, the
28 department of corrections shall operate a telephone system
29 that generates no more revenue for the department than it
30 costs to operate the system. The bill provides that if the
31 department collects more in revenue from inmates' use of the
32 system than it costs to operate the system, the excess moneys
33 received by the department shall be deposited in the inmate
34 telephone rebate fund. The bill and current law provide that
35 moneys in the fund shall be used for the benefit of inmates.

1 The bill defines "benefit of inmates" to mean to provide
2 financial assistance to inmates on emergency furlough to visit
3 a terminally ill family member or attend the funeral of a
4 family member.

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