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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1250, L.D. 1677, Bill, "An Act Authorizing Assessments against Income Earned in Prison as Payments to the Victims' Compensation Fund"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Requiring the Courts to Report to Corrections Facilities Concerning Balances Owed to the Victims' Compensation Fund'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the indented paragraph by striking out all of the underlined sentence and inserting in its place the following: 'At the time of commitment, the court shall inform the Department of Corrections or the county sheriff of any unpaid balances on assessments owed by the offender to the Victims' Compensation Fund.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The Judicial Department will incur some minor additional administrative costs to inform the Department of Corrections or the county sheriff of unpaid assessments to the Victims' Compensation Fund.

The Department of Corrections will incur some minor additional costs to deduct the unpaid amount of the assessment from income earned by prisoners and forward those funds to the

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2 Victims' Compensation Fund. These costs can be absorbed within
the department's existing budgeted resources.

4 The deduction of unpaid assessments from income earned by
6 prisoners who did not pay the assessment prior to incarceration
may increase dedicated revenue to the Victims' Compensation
8 Fund. The amounts generated can not be determined at this time.

10 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

12 Currently, as part of the sentence, a court is required to
14 impose assessments of \$10 to \$25. These assessments are to go to
the Victims' Compensation Fund.

16 The bill requires that this assessment be collected from the
18 earned income of incarcerated persons if it has not previously
been collected.

20 This amendment requires that the court notify the agency
22 with whom a person is to be incarcerated of any uncollected
assessments due the Victims' Compensation Fund.