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4. It clarifies that a person may not be detained in a detention facility approved or operated by the department exclusively for juveniles if the person has attained 18 years of age and an indictment has been returned or if the person attains 21 years of age.

LD 45 An Act Allowing the Department of Corrections to Offset Some of the Costs of Technology Provided to Residents of Correctional Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 352 allows the Commissioner of Corrections to establish fees for the use of technology by residents of correctional facilities. The commissioner may not charge a technology fee to a resident who is using technology for the purpose of research related to a criminal case or civil lawsuit in which the resident is involved. Additionally, the commissioner may not charge a technology fee that exceeds 7% of a resident's earnings for the calendar month after accounting for certain deductions from the resident's earnings. If a resident's earnings are less than $100 in a month after any deductions are applied, the commissioner may not charge the resident for the use of technology.

Funds from the technology fee must be deposited into the Resident Technology Fund, which is established in the law. The fund may be used by the department to offset the cost of buying and maintaining technology provided to residents of correctional facilities.

LD 97 An Act to Facilitate the Improvement of Credit Scores of Residents of Department of Corrections Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 6 allows a juvenile or adult client of a correctional facility to obtain a loan from a financial institution or credit union if the loan is designed to improve a client's credit score, the funds are deposited in the client's savings account at the financial institution or credit union, the loan is secured in full by funds disbursed by the client after any collections required by law and the loan is required to be repaid in full using those secured funds or other funds disbursed by the client. The loan funds are prohibited from being used for restitution or the client's telephone call account.

LD 120 An Act to Expand the Membership of the Homeland Security Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 195 changes the membership of the Homeland Security Advisory Council by including the designee of any ex officio member and by adding to the council the Chief Information Officer within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of