

ALASKA STATE SENATE



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Section Analysis – CS Senate Bill 104(STA)

“An Act relating to appropriations from the dividend fund; creating the criminal fund; relating to appropriations from the criminal fund for payments for crime victims, child support arrearages, court-ordered rehabilitation program costs, and incarcerations costs; and providing for an effective date.”

Section 1

AS 43.23.028(a)(5)

Prioritizes by order of importance the legislative purposes for making certain individuals under AS 43.23.005(d) ineligible for a PFD to be: restitution to crime victims, child support, court-ordered rehabilitation programs, and other incarceration or probation costs.

AS 43.23.028(a)(7)

References a new section of law to be used to determine which agencies can receive money from the Criminal Fund.

AS 43.23.028(b)

Adds language to allow money from the criminal fund to go to the purposes listed in this section, after the appropriation to the criminal fund.

Section 2

AS 43.23.031

A new section in law is created to deal with appropriations from the criminal fund:

1. Section (a) sets the priority order for how the money in the criminal fund should be appropriated and the departments that should receive the money.
2. Sections (b) states that by October 1 of each year the Violent Crimes Compensation Board will send to the Department of Revenue the total amount of compensable claims from the previous fiscal year and the operating costs of the VCCB.
3. Sections (c) and (d) state that by October 1 of each year the child support services agency, and the court system will report to the Department of Revenue the total amount of money owed towards child support arrearages for incarcerated individuals, and court-ordered drug or alcohol treatment.
4. Section (e) provides that the Department of Revenue will use the amounts reported by each department in sections (b) through (d) and the total amount of money in the criminal fund under AS 43.23.028(a)(6) to determine how much money should go to each department.

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5. Section (f) states that the Department of Revenue will send a report to the Legislature at the same time the Governor submits the Operating Budget listing the size of the appropriation to each agency.

Section 3

AS 43.23.048

A new section is put into law to statutorily create the Criminal Fund as an individual account within the dividend fund consisting of money that would have been paid to felons and certain misdemeanants had they not been made ineligible under AS 43.23.005(d). This section also emphasizes that the money in the Criminal Fund may be appropriated in accordance with AS 43.23.031. Finally, this section states that it does not create a dedicated fund in violation of Article IX Section 7 of the Alaska State Constitution.

Section 4

AS 43.23.055

1. Subsection (6) is amended to allow the Department of Revenue to create new regulations that are necessary to implement the Department's new responsibilities in AS 43.23.031.
2. Subsection (11) is added to give the child support services agency the authority to use the list of ineligible individuals to determine the amount of child support arrearages owed by these individuals.

Section 5

This section provides that this bill will take effect on July 1, 2014.

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