

1981 Assembly Bill 253

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AN ACT to amend 56.08 (1) (a), (3), (4), (5) (intro.) and (6) of the statutes, relating to utilization of unemployment compensation and employment training benefits received by county jail prisoners.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 56.08 (1) (a), (3), (4), (5) (intro.) and (6) of the statutes are amended to read:

56.08 (1) (a) Seeking employment or engaging in employment training;

(3) The sheriff shall endeavor to secure employment or employment training for un-employed prisoners under this section. If a prisoner is employed for wages or salary or receives unemployment compensation or employment training benefits while in custody in the jail, the sheriff shall collect the ~~same wages or salary~~ or require the prisoner to turn over his wages ~~or, salary or benefits~~ in full when received, ~~and the~~. The sheriff shall deposit the same wages, salary or benefits in a trust checking account and shall keep a ledger showing the status of the account of each prisoner. Such wages or salary are not subject to garnishment in the hands of either the employer or the sheriff during the prisoner's term, and shall be disbursed only as provided in this section; but for tax purposes they are income of the prisoner.

(4) Every prisoner who is gainfully employed or who receives unemployment compensation or employment training benefits while in custody in the jail, shall be liable for charges not to exceed the full per capita ~~person~~ maintenance and cost of his board in the jail as fixed by the county board after passage of an appropriate county ordinance. If necessarily absent from jail at a meal time he shall at his request be furnished with an adequate nourishing lunch to carry ~~to work~~. The sheriff shall charge his account, ~~if he has one~~, for such board. If the prisoner is gainfully self-employed he shall pay the sheriff for such board, in default of which his privilege under this section is automatically forfeited. If the jail food is furnished directly by the county, the sheriff shall account for and pay over such board payments to the county treasurer. The county board may, by ordinance, provide that the county furnish or pay for the transportation of prisoners employed or receiving training under this section to and from the place of employment or training.

(5) (intro.) By order of the court, the wages ~~or salaries of employed~~, salary and unemployment compensation and employment training benefits received by prisoners shall be disbursed by the sheriff for the following purposes, in the order stated:

(6) The court may by order authorize the sheriff to whom the prisoner is committed to arrange with another sheriff for the employment or employment training of the prisoner in the other's county, and while so employed or trained to be in the other's custody but in other respects to be and continue subject to the commitment.

SECTION 4. **Initial applicability.** The treatment of section 56.08 of the statutes by this act first applies to unemployment compensation and employment training benefits received by prisoners in county jails on and after the effective date of this act.
