

**ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 22**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

**By Assemblymen GARCIA and ROMANO**

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Department of Corrections to  
2 identify those inmates who possess outside sources of income, and to  
3 charge these inmates for the cost of incarceration.

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5 **WHEREAS**, As of December 31, 1993, there were 19,652 State sentenced  
6 inmates housed in State prison facilities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, As of December 31, 1993, there were an additional 4,356 State  
8 sentenced inmates housed in county facilities; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The Department of Correction's FY 1994 adjusted budget totalled  
10 \$577 million for Direct State Services, \$88 million for State Aid, and \$5  
11 million for capital construction; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Section 4 of P.L. 1969, c.22 (C.30:4-91.4) requires the  
13 Department of Corrections to deduct up to two-thirds of an inmate's work  
14 release wages to pay for the inmate's cost of confinement, dependent  
15 support, necessary travel expenses to and from work, and the payment of  
16 debts; and

17 **WHEREAS**, There are approximately 260 inmates participating in work release  
18 programs contributing about \$362,000 toward their upkeep annually; and

19 **WHEREAS**, The remaining inmates in the State prison system, while employed  
20 by the system and paid a nominal wage, are not required to contribute  
21 toward the cost of their incarceration; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Many inmates may have outside sources of income besides that  
23 which is earned while incarcerated; and

24 **WHEREAS**, This income could be used to reimburse the State for the cost of  
25 housing the inmate during the inmate's term of incarceration; now,  
26 therefore;

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28 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

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30 1. The Assembly, urges the Department of Corrections to identify those  
31 inmates who possess an outside source of income, and to charge these inmates  
32 a per diem rate for the cost of their incarceration.

1       2. Duly authenticated copies of this concurrent resolution signed by the  
2 Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be  
3 transmitted to the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and to the  
4 Governor of the State of New Jersey.

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STATEMENT

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9       This resolution urges the Department of Corrections to determine which  
10 inmates have outside sources of income, and to charge these inmates for the  
11 costs of incarceration.

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17 Urges the Department of Corrections to determine which inmates have outside  
sources of income.