

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: S.1756

Name: An Act to repeal pay-to-stay fees

Sponsor(s): Senator Payano

Hearing Date: 10/15/25

Summary:

This bill prohibits deductions from inmate earnings for room, board, or living expenses and requires the Department of Correction to issue regulations within 30 days of enactment. It applies retroactively to January 1, 2020, requiring refunds for past deductions. The bill also prohibits courts from ordering parents, guardians, or caretakers to pay for the care of delinquent youth and mandates that Juvenile Court immediately cease issuing such payment orders. Any payments made since January 1, 2020, must be voided and refunded. Additionally, the Commonwealth must ensure that incarcerated individuals and their families do not bear the costs of their care and accommodation.