- 1 HB347
- 2 135753-3
- 3 By Representative Newton (C)
- 4 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security
- 5 First Read: 16-FEB-12

1	<u>ENGROSSED</u>
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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	To amend Section 14-8-37 of the Code of Alabama
9	1975, relating to the operation of a work release program by
10	the sheriff for inmates in the county jail; to further provide
11	for the percentage of the inmate's gross wages that may be
12	withheld and to specify that the funds may be used generally
13	for the operation of the sheriff's office.
14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
15	Section 1. Section 14-8-37 of the Code of Alabama
16	1975, is amended to read as follows:
17	<b>"</b> §14-8-37.
18	"The employer of an inmate involved in work release
19	pursuant to this article shall send the inmate's wages
20	directly to the county or its designated agent. Of each
21	inmate's earnings, $25 \text{ up to } 40 \text{ percent of } his \text{ the } gross wages$
22	of an inmate as determined by the sheriff shall be applied to
23	the costs incident to the inmate's confinement operation of
24	the sheriff's office or other law enforcement purposes except
25	that the funds may not be used to pay or supplement the salary
26	of the sheriff or any person employed by the sheriff. If the
27	cost of confinement of a state inmate as agreed upon in the

maintenance contract authorized in Section 14-8-31 exceeds 25 1 2 percent of his the inmate's gross wages, the board Department of Corrections shall pay the difference to the county. The 3 remainder of the inmate's wages shall be credited to his or her account with the county and shall be paid out as the 5 6 inmate requests to furnish his clothing, medical and dental 7 care, spending money, savings, or dependent support." Section 2. This act shall become effective 8 immediately following its passage and approval by the 9 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law. 10

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7	Read for the first time and re- ferred to the House of Representa- tives committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security
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9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment
12 13	Read for the third time and passed as amended 22-MAR-12
14	Yeas 99, Nays 0, Abstains 1
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