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**PRISONERS TO PAY FOR NORMAL
MEDICAL, DENTAL, EYE CARE**

House Bill 4947

Sponsor: Rep. Eric Bush

Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights

Complete to 3-12-96

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4947 INTRODUCED 6-8-95

The bill would amend Chapter IV (Bureau of Penal Institutions) of the Department of Corrections enabling act (Public Act 232 of 1953) to add a section making prisoners responsible for the cost of nonemergency medical, dental, or optometric services (if the prisoner were a minor, his or her parent or guardian would also be responsible for these costs). Ten percent of all wages earned by a prisoner responsible for nonemergency medical, dental, or optometric care -- as well as ten percent of any other money deposited in that prisoner's institutional account -- would be paid to the Department of Corrections to reimburse it for those costs until they were paid. The bill would not preclude the department or the state from recovering the cost of prisoner medical, dental, or optometric care by any other statutory means.

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