

i.e., the Division is responsible for determining the costs of food, lodging, and clothing.

The Correctional Services Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that subsection (b)(1)(iv) of this section refers to amounts that an inmate is "legally obligated" to pay for support of dependents. The Committee is uncertain as to whether this provision applies only to support payments that are required by a "court order" or whether it applies to any payments that an inmate is obligated to pay, e.g., merely by virtue of being a parent. The General Assembly may wish to clarify the meaning of this provision.

The Correctional Services Article Review Committee also notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that it is unclear whether the reference to an inmate's "account" in subsection (b)(2)(i) of this section is to an inmate's "reserve financial account", which is paid to the inmate on final release from the Division, or to an inmate's "spending financial account", which is available to the inmate during the inmate's term of confinement. See § 3-610 of this article. The General Assembly may wish to clarify the meaning of this provision.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former reference to "payments" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad reference to "deductions".

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, the former reference to a "city" is deleted as unnecessary because Baltimore City is included in the defined term "county". See § 1-101 of this article for the definition of "county".

The Correctional Services Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the meaning of the reference to the "local social services administration" in subsection (b)(3) of this section is unclear because many counties do not have a unit with that name. The General Assembly may wish to amend this section to require that payments be made through the "appropriate local agency". The Committee is also uncertain as to how subsection (b)(3) applies when an inmate's dependents reside outside the State. The General Assembly may wish to clarify how the Division should handle payments to out-of-State dependents.

In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to "any part of" an inmate's final earnings is added to state expressly that which was only implied in the former law, i.e., some or all of an inmate's earnings might be needed to satisfy the deductions required under subsection (b) of this section.

The Correctional Services Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that there are significant inconsistencies throughout this article in provisions governing the disposition of an inmate's earnings in different contexts. See, e.g., §§ 3-807(e)(1), 9-504(d), 9-512(b), 11-319(b), 11-407(b), 11-604, 11-703(d)(4), 11-704(d), 11-705(i), 11-706(b)(5), 11-708(b)(7), 11-711(g),