



Ohio Revised Code

Section 341.25 Establishing commissary and commissary fund.

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(A) The sheriff may establish a commissary for the jail. The commissary may be established either in-house or by another arrangement. If a commissary is established, all persons incarcerated in the jail shall receive commissary privileges. A person's purchases from the commissary shall be deducted from the person's account record in the jail's business office. The commissary shall provide for the distribution to indigent persons incarcerated in the jail necessary hygiene articles and writing materials.

(B)(1) If a commissary is established, the sheriff shall establish a commissary fund for the jail. The management of funds in the commissary fund shall be strictly controlled in accordance with procedures adopted by the auditor of state.

(2) Commissary fund revenue over and above operating costs and reserve shall be considered profits.

(3) All profits from the commissary fund shall be used for the following:

(a) To purchase supplies and equipment, and to provide life skills training and education or treatment services, or both, for the benefit of persons incarcerated in the jail;

(b) To pay salary and benefits for employees of the sheriff who work in or are employed for the purpose of providing service to the commissary;

(c) To purchase technology designed to prevent contraband from entering the jail.

(4) The sheriff shall adopt rules for the operation of any commissary fund the sheriff establishes.
