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**SB-1304 Prisons: release allowance.** (2021-2022)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2021–2022 REGULAR SESSION

**SENATE BILL**

**NO. 1304**

Introduced by Senator Kamlager

February 18, 2022

An act to amend Section 2713.1 of the Penal Code, relating to prisons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1304, Kamlager. Prisons: release allowance.

Existing law requires a prisoner, upon release, to be paid a sum of \$200, as specified.

This bill would increase this payment to \$1300. The bill would also require this amount to be adjusted annually for inflation, as specified.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2713.1 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

**2713.1.** (a) In addition to any other payment to which they are entitled by law, each prisoner upon release shall be paid an allowance of one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300) from such appropriations that may be made available for the purposes of this section.

(b) The department may prescribe rules and regulations to limit or eliminate any payments provided for in this section to prisoners who have not served for at least six consecutive months prior to their release in instances where the department determines that such a payment is not necessary for rehabilitation of the prisoner, to establish procedures for payment within the first 60 days of a

prisoner's release, and to eliminate any payment provided for in this section to a parolee who upon release has not been paid the entire amount prescribed by this section and who willfully absconds after release on parole, but before any remaining balance of the allowance has been paid.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable if a prisoner is released to the custody of another state or to the custody of the federal government.

(d) Commencing on January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the department shall adjust the amount of the allowance described in subdivision (a) for inflation based on the California Consumer Price Index.