

Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 13-2330/1		Introduction Number AB-0251	
Description Allowing a county to seek reimbursement for expenses incurred in confining a prisoner in jail			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected			
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns		<input type="checkbox"/> Village	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts		<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Cities	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Jails	
Fund Sources Affected			
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, if a person who commits a crime is placed on probation and confined in a county jail or is sentenced to a county jail, the county may file a suit against the person in circuit court to be reimbursed for expenses incurred by the county for housing the person. Under this bill, a county that houses a person in a county jail may file a suit against the person in circuit court to be reimbursed for expenses incurred by the county housing the person, regardless of whether the person is sentenced to a county jail, placed on probation, or sentenced to a state prison.

This bill may increase local revenues, to the extent that county jails may pursue additional civil actions in circuit court for reimbursement of costs for housing persons who currently are not applicable under current law. Some jurisdictions report amounts ranging between \$3,000 and \$3,500 have been collected, on average, from offenders who were subject to suit under current law.

The Department doesn't have access to data which summarizes the total number of counties currently pursuing civil actions for reimbursement of housing costs of offenders, total amounts collected, and the degree to which additional revenue may result from an expanded definition of persons who may be subject to civil actions. Therefore, the Department is not able to quantify a fiscal effect from this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications