

Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 13-0750/1		Introduction Number SB-024	
Description Extending the time period for counties to seek reimbursement from prisoners for expenses associated with confinement in jail			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Cities	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <u>Jails</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts		<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a county may seek, from a person who is sentenced to a county jail or placed on probation and confined in jail, reimbursement for certain expenses it incurs in relation to the crime for which the person was sentenced to or confined in jail. Current law allows the county 12 months after the person is released to commence a civil action in circuit court for reimbursement of the expenses, this law extends this time to 24 months.

This bill may increase local revenues, in the event the extended time period allows county jails to pursue additional civil actions in circuit court for reimbursement of inmate incarceration costs, and sufficient funds are collected from offenders. Some jurisdictions report amounts ranging between \$3,000 and \$3,500 have been collected, on average, from offenders who were subject to this provision, and that amounts potentially could increase with additional time to file civil actions. The Department doesn't have access to data which summarizes the total number of counties currently pursuing civil actions for reimbursement of incarceration costs, total amounts collected, and the degree to which additional revenue may result from an extended time period to pursue civil actions. Therefore, the Department is not able to quantify a fiscal effect from this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications