

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Subject Placement of state prisoners in county jails		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would require that the Department of Corrections not place in a county jail any state prisoner unless the county jailers employed at the jail are protective occupation participants under the Wisconsin retirement system (WRS).

As of May 11, 2001, the Department had 335 state inmates placed in county jails. After July 1, 2001, the Department plans on utilizing five county jails to house state inmates, of which only one, with 35 inmates, currently has jailers who are protective occupation participants under WRS.

If the Department is required to only utilize county jails with jailers that are WRS protective occupation participants, the Department would need to find beds in participating counties or out-of-state to place approximately 300 inmates.

If beds were available and the Department placed inmates at other participating county jails, the cost to DOC would remain the same since counties typically charge \$60/day/bed to house state prisoners. If the Department placed inmates in out-of-state beds, the cost would be less because the Department is charged from \$44 to \$45.32/day/bed to use Corrections Corporation of America beds. Because it is not possible to determine which location inmates would be placed in, or how many inmates would be relocated as a result of this bill, it is not possible to estimate the fiscal impact this legislation would have on inmate housing.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications