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Prison Contract Bed Funding (DOC -- Adult Correctional Facilities)

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CURRENT LAW

The Department of Corrections may contract for prison beds with Wisconsin state and local governmental units, private companies and governments in other states for placement of Wisconsin inmates in out-of-state facilities and the federal government. Base funding for contract beds is \$111,805,600 GPR.

GOVERNOR

Delete \$32,232,800 GPR in 2001-02 and \$69,472,400 GPR in 2002-03 related to in-state and out-of-state prison contract beds. Total funding would be \$79,422,800 in 2001-02 and \$42,183,200 in 2002-03. Funding would support 4,411 contract beds in 2001-02 and 2,180 contract beds in 2002-03, and would also fund the costs of temporary lockup of intensive sanctions and correctional center system inmates, detention of probation and parole violators in county jails and two county jail programs.

MODIFICATION

Reduce the bill by \$3,961,200 GPR in 2001-02 and \$9,963,600 GPR in 2002-03 related to in-state and out-of-state prison contract beds.

Explanation: The budget estimates an average daily population in adult correctional facilities (correctional institutions and centers) of 20,835 in 2001-02 and 20,699 in 2002-03. Of that total, it is assumed that: (a) an average of 4,150 offenders in 2001-02 and an average of 1,567 offenders in 2002-03 will be placed in contract beds; and (b) an average of 25 offenders annually will be placed in federal beds under

reciprocal intergovernmental agreements for which the state is not charged. The population estimates assume that, with the additional resources provided in the bill for the Parole Commission, 75 more paroles per month will occur and thereby reduce the total prison population from what otherwise would have been estimated. The Departments of Corrections and Administration indicate that they believe the population estimates can be achieved.

Under the contract bed funding item, the bill would support an average of 4,411 beds in 2001-02 and 2,180 in 2002-03. The funded amounts include an average of seven offenders held in state juvenile correctional facilities. The net effect is that, based on the Governor's population estimates, contract beds are over-funded by \$4,073,500 GPR in 2001-02 and \$10,021,400 GPR in 2002-03. Since Corrections budgets health care funding for inmates in contract beds, lower populations result in an additional reduction of \$37,700 GPR in 2001-02 and \$92,200 GPR in 2002-03 related to health care costs. These reductions are offset by \$150,000 GPR annually associated with travel costs of contract monitors which was inadvertently removed.

Budgeted amounts for the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) contract (\$55,856,700 GPR in 2001-02 and \$14,804,900 GPR in 2002-03) are based on daily rates of \$44 in 2001-02 and \$45.32 in 2002-03. The current contract with CCA contains a clause specifying that the \$44 daily rate is in effect until December 21, 2001. Any modification to the current rate would need to be approved by the Joint Committee on Finance.

Total funding for contract beds would be \$75,649,300 GPR in 2001-02 and \$32,461,800 GPR in 2002-03. Funding would support 4,157 contract beds in 2001-02 and 1,574 contract beds in 2002-03 (including an average of seven offenders held in juvenile correctional facilities, but excluding 25 offenders in certain federal facilities), and would fund the costs of temporary lockup of intensive sanctions and correctional center system inmates, contract beds with Milwaukee County through October, 2001, and two county jail programs. Of the total, it is estimated that 3,832 would be placed at out-of-state facilities and 325 at in-state facilities in 2001-02 and 1,249 offenders at out-of-state facilities and 325 at in-state facilities in 2002-03.

Modification	GPR
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$13,924,800

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