

‘BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2804
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Impact:	Annual Cost Increase - DOC Approximately \$3.4 million Dependent upon the Number of Inmates in County Jail Backup

Research Analysis

HB 2804 requires the Department of Corrections to schedule the transfer of inmates held in a county jail within 45 days after receipt of the judgment and sentence. The Department is authorized to enter into an agreement with the sheriff to extend the time limit for transferring and receiving inmates from 45 days to not exceeding 180 days after receipt of the judgment and sentence.

The measure increases the daily reimbursement rate for inmates retained by a county jail from \$27 per day to \$32 per day.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB2804 requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to transfer inmates from the county jail to DOC custody within forty-five days after receipt of the judgment and sentence or make other arrangements with the sheriff. The maximum time allowed is 180 days.

Since 2007, DOC has been reimbursing counties \$27 per day for housing inmates from the date of sentencing until the date of transfer from the county jail to DOC custody. In FY-13, DOC paid county jails a total of more than \$23 million for housing inmates in county jail backup. If inmates had spent no longer than 45 days in the county jail, after receipt of the judgment and sentence, DOC would have paid \$18.1 million at the \$27/day rate. HB2804 increases the rate from \$27/day to \$32/day, which would have increased DOC's cost to \$21.5 million, for a total annual cost increase of \$3.4 million. The fiscal impact would be dependent upon the number of inmates in county jail backup after January 1, 2015 and the number of days they remain in the county jail after DOC receives the judgment and sentence.

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Other Considerations

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