

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB684</b>
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<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>7328</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Hickman</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No additional costs to state.</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 684 requires the Department of Corrections to notify all county jails of the Department's need for bed space prior to contracting with a private prison operator. A county may enter into agreements with the Department to house offenders after receiving notification.

The measure modifies how the Department of Corrections is to calculate the responsibility of inmates awaiting transfer to the Department. The measure requires the court clerk, district attorney or district judge to transmit the judgment and sentence to the Department within three business days or a notice of judgment and sentence signed by the sentencing judge. The measure establishes uniformity in judgment and sentences by providing the information which must be included in the judgment and sentence. The measure provides that Plea paperwork, Summary of Facts and Sentence on Plea or Sentencing After Jury Trial Summary of Facts may also be used as sentencing documents.

The Department of Corrections is to implement a policy for determination of scheduled dates on which an inmate or multiple inmates are to be transferred with no less than three alternative dates from which the sheriff may select.

If the judgment and sentence documents are not received by the Department within three business days, the Department will not be responsible for the cost of housing the inmate in the county jail from the date of sentencing until the date the Department receives the necessary documentation. Should the inmate not be transferred on the date scheduled by the Department, the Department shall not be responsible for any costs incurred beyond the date scheduled by the Department. The measure provides that if an inmate has one or more criminal charges pending in the same jurisdiction and the county jail refuses to transfer the inmate to the Department, the Department is not responsible for housing costs.

Section 2 of the measure deletes obsolete language that was in effect until January 1, 2007.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB684 clarifies which entity (county jail or a Department of Corrections facility) shall house inmates in the event of overcrowding at state facilities. Further, this bill clarifies the transfer process of inmates from one entity to another. There are no additional costs to the State, as these processes are currently being utilized.

The current cost of housing an inmate at a county jail is \$27.00 per inmate, per day, plus medical costs. This is paid by the Department of Corrections.

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**Other Considerations**

<b>Cost of incarceration with the DOC (FT14 Actual Expenditures)</b>		
<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Daily</u></b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>
Maximum	100.80	36,791
Medium	47.47	17,328
Minimum	44.01	16,063
Community	46.44	16,950

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