BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

SA to HB 1630 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. Reimbursement is to be a negotiated per diem rate. The measure modifies how the Department of Corrections is to calculate the responsibility of inmates awaiting transfer to the Department. The measure requires the county to transmit the judgment and sentence to the Department within 3 business days. The measure allows the county to send a notice of judgment and sentence signed by the sentencing judge or court clerk or plea paperwork, Summary of Facts and Sentence on Plea or Sentencing After Jury Trial Summary of Facts. The measure clarifies that the Department of Corrections is responsible for the costs of medical care from the date the judgment and sentence was ordered by the court. The measure requires the Department to implement a policy for determining scheduled dates for the transfer of inmates to the Department. The measure provides that if sentencing documents are not received by the Department within 3 days, the Department will not be responsible for the cost of housing an inmate until the documents are received. If an inmate is not transferred on the date scheduled by the Department, the Department is not 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. The measure creates a standardized form for notice of judgment and sentencing. The measure removes obsolete language in effect prior to January 1, 2007.

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Fiscal Analysis

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Other Considerations

None.