BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 1483
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Impact: FY-19: possible negative fiscal impact for DOC

Research Analysis

HB 1483 clarifies that the Department of Corrections is responsible for the cost of housing an inmate in the county jail from the time the judgment and sentence is transmitted to the Department until such time that the inmate is transferred from the county jail. The measure provides that the reimbursement rate is \$27 per day unless the actual daily cost exceeds \$27. If the actual daily cost exceeds \$27, the county must notify the Department no later than September 30. The Department may accept that cost and begin paying the reimbursement rate to the county beginning the next fiscal year. If the Department does not accept the county rate, the State Auditor shall determine the actual daily cost.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1483, as introduced and upon review by the OK Dept. of Corrections (DOC), is estimated to have a negative fiscal impact for the agency beginning in FY-19. Currently, DOC pays all county jails no more than \$27.00 per day per inmate. Below are the current annual costs from DOC for county jail back up:

Oklahoma Department of Corrections Jail Backup - Fiscal Impact

	Annual Expense	Invoice Adjustments 3 Day Rule	Trended Fiscal Impact
FY 2009	14, 290, 128		
FY 2010	19,847,916		
FY 2011	19,548,675		
FY 2012	21, 564, 020		
FY 2013	23, 552, 262		
FY 2014	22,022,604		
FY 2015	9, 471, 114		
** FY 2016	8, 281, 683	1,035,153	1,552,729.50
*** FY 2017	6, 144, 876	577,719	990,375.43
	144, 723, 278	1,612,872	2,543,104.93

^{** 57} O.S. 2011, Section 37 amended November 1, 2015

^{***} Expenditures as of January 2017

This measure removes the 3-day rule which stipulates the county jail is required to alert DOC about an inmate being held in county jail within three days which could raise costs for DOC. The bill also allows counties to exceed this reimbursement cap. The actual increase of the daily county jail reimbursement cost would depend on how many inmates are held in county jails, the length at which they are held in each jail, as well as the actual daily cost per inmate proposed by each county jail.

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Other Considerations

It is the opinion of DOC:

Since the implementation of the "three day" J&S requirement, DOC can accurately determine how many inmates have been sentenced to custody. If the established time limit is eliminated, DOC will again struggle to budget for unidentified inmates making budget shortfalls a high probability.

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