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Committee Substitute (CS)

The CS for HB 1374 transfers the responsibility to transport a prisoner to the custody of the Department of Corrections from the sheriffs to the Department of Corrections. The measure requires DOC to compensate the transporting agency for the hours of transport travel and time spent at the reception center based on the transporting officer's normal hourly wage, but not at a wage to exceed \$30.00 per hour per officer. DOC is also required by the measure to submit a quarterly report detailing the compensation paid for transporting prisoners to the Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Chair of the House of Representatives Appropriations and Budget Committee. The measure creates the Department of Corrections Offender Transport Revolving Fund to manage the reimbursement to counties for the transportation of prisoners.

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Fiscal Analysis

FY'20 Impact: \$1 million

Full Year Impact: \$1 million

The CS for HB1374 relates to transporting inmates between county facilities and designates DOC reception centers. The measure stipulates that DOC will reimburse county sheriff's offices as follows:

1) Mileage from the county sheriff's office to the appropriate DOC reception center and back to the county sheriff's office; and

2) Hourly wage reimbursement for the transporting officer for the hours or transport travel and time spent at the reception center based on the transporting officer's normal hourly wage not to exceed \$30.00/hour per officer.

The measure mandates documentation of the officer's hourly wage to accompany all reimbursement requests to DOC. It also gives DOC the authority to promulgate rules for reimbursement. DOC must submit quarterly reports to both the Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Chair of the House of Representatives Appropriations and Budget Committee.

The measure creates the "Department of Corrections Offender Transport Revolving Fund" to consist of any monies designated to the fund by law.