

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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SENATE BILL 329

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By: Representative Wright

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE METHOD AND TIMEFRAME IN WHICH A COUNTY JAIL IS REIMBURSED FOR HOUSING INMATES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE METHOD AND TIMEFRAME IN WHICH A COUNTY JAIL IS REIMBURSED FOR HOUSING INMATES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-27-114(b), concerning the payment by the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Correction to a county jail for housing inmates, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) ~~In the first week of each month, the~~ The Department of Correction and the Department of Community Correction shall prepare an invoice during the first week of each month that lists ~~for each state inmate received from a county that is on the county jail backup list~~ during the previous month.

(B) The invoice shall reflect the number of days ~~an~~ a state inmate was in the county jail in an awaiting-bed-space status.

(2)(A) The Department of Correction and the Department of



Community Correction shall verify and forward the invoices to the applicable county sheriff to certify the actual number of days the state inmates were physically housed in the county jail.

(B)(i) Upon written request of a county judge, county treasurer, or county sheriff, the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Correction shall provide to the county official making the request ~~of~~ a written report summarizing the year-to-date county jail reimbursement invoices prepared and forwarded for verification by the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Correction and payment from the fund.

(ii) In addition, the written report shall include a summary of invoices returned by each county for payment for previous months within the fiscal year, the amounts paid, and any balances owed.

(3)(A) The certified invoices shall then be returned to the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Correction for payment from the fund.

(B) Payment from the fund shall be made within (5) business days of receipt of signed and certified invoices returned by each county, subject to funding made available for payment of the certified notices.

(4) The county sheriff shall maintain documentation for three (3) calendar years to confirm the number of days each state inmate was physically housed in the county jail.

(5) The documentation maintained by the county sheriff is subject to review by the division.

(6) Invoices under this subsection may be mailed or sent electronically.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective date.

The effective date of this act is October 1, 2015.

/s/Hickey