

The VCSC estimates this proposal will decrease the future need for jail beds. A decrease in jail population will decrease costs to the state. The Commonwealth currently pays the localities \$5.00 a day for each misdemeanor or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail and \$15.00 a day for each state-responsible prisoner. It also funds a considerable portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g., correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2025), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$58.25 per inmate, per day in FY 2024. The impact on jail

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beds is estimated to be a decrease of at least two beds by FY2031. This reduction is estimated to generate at least \$34,915 in state savings and at least \$54,267 in local savings for jail costs.

Other: None