

JAIL CONTRACTING TREATMENT RATE AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the State Institutions Code by increasing the compensation rate to counties for housing state inmates in county facilities that provide rehabilitative treatment.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- increases to 84% of the calculated final state daily incarceration rate the rate at which the state reimburses counties for housing state inmates and providing treatment programs.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

64-13e-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 358

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **64-13e-103** is amended to read:

64-13e-103. Contracts for housing state inmates.

(1) Subject to Subsection (6), the department may contract with a county to house state inmates in a county or other correctional facility.

30 (2) The department shall give preference for placement of state inmates, over private
31 entities, to county correctional facility bed spaces for which the department has contracted
32 under Subsection (1).

33 (3) (a) The compensation rate for housing state inmates pursuant to a contract
34 described in Subsection (1) shall be:

35 (i) ~~[79%]~~ 84% of the final state daily incarceration rate for beds in a county that,
36 pursuant to the contract, are dedicated to a treatment program to state inmates, if the treatment
37 program is approved by the department under Subsection (3)(c); and

38 (ii) 73% of the final state daily incarceration rate for beds in a county other than the
39 beds described in Subsection (3)(a)(i).

40 (b) The department shall:

41 (i) make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
42 Rulemaking Act, that establish standards that a treatment program is required to meet before
43 the treatment program is considered for approval for the purpose of a county receiving payment
44 based on the rate described in Subsection (3)(a)(i); and

45 (ii) determine on an annual basis, based on appropriations made by the Legislature for
46 the contracts described in this section, whether to approve a treatment program that meets the
47 standards established under Subsection (3)(b)(i), for the purpose of a county receiving payment
48 based on the rate described in Subsection (3)(a)(i).

49 (c) The department may not approve a treatment program for the purpose of a county
50 receiving payment based on the rate described in Subsection (3)(a)(i), unless:

51 (i) the program meets the standards established under Subsection (3)(b)(i);

52 (ii) the department determines that the Legislature has appropriated sufficient funds to:

53 (A) pay the county that provides the treatment program at the rate described in
54 Subsection (3)(a)(i); and

55 (B) pay each county that does not provide a treatment program an amount per state
56 inmate that is not less than the amount per state inmate received for the preceding fiscal year by
57 a county that did not provide a treatment program; and

58 (iii) the department determines that the treatment program is needed by the department
59 at the location where the treatment program will be provided.

60 (4) Compensation to a county for state inmates incarcerated under this section shall be
61 made by the department.

62 (5) Counties that contract with the department under Subsection (1) shall, on or before
63 June 30 of each year, submit a report to the department that includes:

64 (a) the number of state inmates the county housed under this section; and

65 (b) the total number of state inmate days of incarceration that were provided by the
66 county.

67 (6) Except as provided under Subsection (7), the department may not enter into a
68 contract described under Subsection (1), unless the Legislature has previously passed a joint
69 resolution that includes the following information regarding the proposed contract:

70 (a) the approximate number of beds to be contracted;

71 (b) the final state daily incarceration rate;

72 (c) the approximate amount of the county's long-term debt; and

73 (d) the repayment time of the debt for the facility where the inmates are to be housed.

74 (7) The department may enter into a contract with a county government to house
75 inmates without complying with the approval process described in Subsection (6) only if the
76 county facility was under construction, or already in existence, on March 16, 2001.

77 (8) Any resolution passed by the Legislature under Subsection (6) does not bind or
78 obligate the Legislature or the department regarding the proposed contract.