

Upon sentencing, a gross misdemeanor would be housed in one of Kentucky's full service jails for the duration of his or her sentence. DOC would pay a jail \$31.34 per day to house a gross misdemeanor. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, the per diem would pay the estimated average cost of housing a gross misdemeanor. It is worthy of note, that the current sentence for flagrant nonsupport is a maximum sentence of five years, while under HB 286 the maximum sentence would be two years. Since Class D Felons also serve their sentence in local jails at the same DOC reimbursement rate, the amount of total reimbursement collected for gross misdemeanants (rather than a Class D Felons) would be less for proportionally less time in jail.

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