



**SB 184 SCS removes the provision that would partially base the salaries for jailers who do not run full service jails on job performance as related to the duties defined by the fiscal court.** These proposed salaries will still include cost of living adjustments.

**Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost**

**The fiscal impact of SB 184 SCS on counties is likely to be a minimal to moderate savings for those counties where the jailer has minimal duties. The salary adjustments and any subsequent savings or additional compensatory cost are discretionary and determined by the fiscal court.**

**There are currently 41 counties that maintain the office of jailer, but do not have a jail.** These counties either have chosen to close their jails because of rising cost, or have been forced to close because of failure to meet minimum state standards.

Without jails, most of these jailers have sparse or minimal duties, if any. A small number of these jailers may transport prisoners or accompany them to court.

The state’s no-jail jailers are paid nearly \$1.5 million annually for their county positions. Salaries range from \$20,000 to \$77,243 and average \$36,160. If these counties decrease the jailer’s salary to the minimum amount of \$20,000, you would see total savings of \$662,000 annually. However, whereas the proposal allows fiscal courts of the effected counties to assign duties to the jailer and to provide compensation as determined by the fiscal court, the maximum savings will might not be realized.

This proposal does not address deputy salaries in the affected counties.

Below is a list of no-jail counties:

Anderson	Edmonson	Harrison	Lyon	Metcalf	Robertson
Bath	Elliot	Henry	Magoffin	Morgan	Spencer
Bourbon	Fleming	Johnson	Martin	Nicholas	Trigg
Bracken	Gallatin	Knott	McCreary	Owen	Trimble
Breathitt	Garrard	Lawrence	McLean	Owsley	Washington
Carlisle	Green	Lee	Menifee	Pendleton	Wolfe
Cumberland	Hancock	Livingston	Mercer	Perry	

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