

placed in the custody of the jailer or deputy for transport, and the location and time the jailer or deputy relinquishes custody of the prisoner after transport, and the mileage driven.

SB 39 GA declares an emergency

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

The fiscal impact of SB 39 GA on counties is likely to be a minimal savings for those counties where the jailer has minimal duties. The salary adjustments, compensatory cost, and any subsequent savings as determined by the fiscal court are discretionary.

Minimal cost will be associated with the jailer keeping records of the duties performed and filing the quarterly reports to 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.

Based on 2015 data, the state’s no-jail jailers are paid nearly \$1.5 million. Salaries range from \$20,000 to \$77,243 and average \$36,160. Whereas SB 39 GA does not provide for the reduction of these salaries, a savings based on the current salaries will not be realized. However, SB 39 GA does provide the fiscal courts with discretion regarding cost-of-living adjustments.

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	

Data Source(s): LRC Staff; Department of Corrections; Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting (Only in Kentucky: Jailers Without Jails, January 2, 2015)

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