

Kentucky's 76 full service jails or four life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an estimated average of \$31.34 per day, which equals the per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders.

Upon sentencing, a Class D felon is housed in one of Kentucky's full service jails for the duration of his or her sentence.

Class B felons are not eligible to be housed in local jails. Class C felons are ineligible for placement in local jails until they are classified at the lowest custody level with 24 months or less to their minimum expiration date or parole eligibility date.

The Department of Corrections pays a jail \$31.34 per day to house a D or C felon. Since the per diem pays for the estimated average cost of housing a Class D or Class C felon, the per diem may be less than, equal to, or greater than the actual housing cost.

In Circuit court for calendar year 2017, there were 617 Class C felony convictions for "prior felon in possession of a firearm". There were 598 Class D felony convictions for the same offense. SB 210 GA could potentially raise the Class C to Class B and the Class D to Class C. **The overall fiscal impact to local jails would be minimal as Class B and C felons are not typically housed in local jails.** However, local jails could potentially lose revenue from not housing as many Class D felony convictions due to the higher classification penalty associated with these offenses.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

SB 210 GA incorporates HFA 2 to amend SB 210 to specify that the firearm which is possessed as an element of the underlying is used in **commission** of an offense, rather than the **furtherance** of an offense. **The LM statement to SB 210 GA is the same as the LM statement to SB 210.**

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