



Kentucky's full service jails for the duration of his or her sentence. The Department of Corrections pays a jail \$31.34 per day to house a D felon. Since the per diem pays for the estimated average cost of housing a Class D felon, the per diem may be less than, equal to, or greater than the actual housing cost.

When a court denies bail to a Class C felony defendant, the local government is responsible for incarcerating the defendant until disposition of the case in one of Kentucky's 77 full service jails or three 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. 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 local jails \$31.34 per day to house these Class C felons. Since the per diem pays for the estimated average cost of housing a Class C felon, the per diem may be less than, equal to, or greater than the actual housing cost.

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

SB 161 passed (as SB 161 GA) with Floor Amendment 1 that inserted in 4 locations: "**or a person working in coordination with law enforcement,**" for clarification. **The impact of SB 161 GA with Floor amendment 1 is identical to that of SB 161.**

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky Department of Corrections; Kentucky Jailers Association

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