

The fiscal impact of SB 283 GA is indeterminable, though likely positive. According to the Department of Corrections, the Department currently pays local jails a \$35.34 per diem and medical expenses to house felony offenders. However, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an average cost to incarcerate of \$44.97. If contracts were made between the Department and local jails at the actual cost to incarcerate, then jails would be able to reduce their expenditures for housing state prisoners. If jails did not have required services such as medical staff presence or mental health services, then these would need to be provided at their expense. However, jails that house state prisoners are very likely to already have these services in place.

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