

Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	1155	Bill #:	HB 557
Document ID #:	4664	Sponsor:	Rep. Michael Lee Meredith
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to correctional services		

Unit of Government: ☒ City ☒ County ☒ Urban-County
☒ Charter County ☒ Consolidated Local ☒ Unified Local

Office(s) Impacted: Jails

Requirement: ☒ Mandatory ☐ Optional

Effect on Powers
& Duties: ☒ Modifies Existing ☒ Adds New ☐ Eliminates Existing

Other Fiscal Statement(s) that may exist: ☐ Actuarial Analysis ☒ Corrections Impact
☐ Health Benefit Mandate ☐ State Employee Health Plan

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

Section 3 adds a new section of KRS Chapter 441 to state that any county that provides correctional services to state prisoners in the jail or regional jail will receive the per diem rate to provide these services as well as the cost of routine medical, dental, and psychological care for state prisoners.

Section 6 adds a new section of KRS Chapter 441 to establish the creation of a trust and agency account to disperse funds to local and regional jails for the housing of state prisoners and for the construction of new regional jails.

Section 8 amends KRS 431.215 to stipulate counties that have entered into a contract with the Department of Corrections and counties that have not will receive a fee per day based on the county's actual cost to house and care for prisoners. This fee will begin on the day which judgment was rendered and end on the day that the defendant is delivered to the penitentiary as will include the amount of time served prior to the judgment in which the defendant was lodged in a county or regional jail.

Section 10 amends KRS 441.045 to stipulate that the state will cover the cost of providing necessary medical, dental, or psychological care for prisoners.

The fiscal impact of HB 557 is indeterminable but expected to be both positive and negative. There will be costs associated with housing state prisoners in local jails and this could potentially take away spaces for local defendants. However, the state Department of Corrections will reimburse the costs of housing these state prisoners including any medical expenses.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff

Preparer: TJ **Reviewer:** JR (MDA) **Date:** 2/5/26