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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7824**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 2047**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 13, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Reimbursements by County Jail Inmates.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                  **DEDICATED**  
                                  **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill eliminates the 72-hour minimum stay before a prisoner is required to reimburse the county for the cost of detention. It increases the prisoner reimbursement fee from \$30 to \$50. It allows funds in the Prisoner Reimbursement Fund to be used for the cost of care, maintenance, and housing of prisoners, including the costs of housing prisoners in the facilities of another county.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Counties that have adopted an ordinance requiring prisoner reimbursement of detention fees (optional under current Indiana law) would experience an indeterminable increase in revenues. County fiscal officers would be allowed to allocate any or all of the revenues to Sheriffs' Departments in order to defray the costs of care, maintenance, and housing of prisoners, including the costs of housing prisoners in the facilities of another county. Currently, revenues from a Prisoner Reimbursement Fund can be used for the operation, construction, repair, remodeling, enlarging, and equipment of a county jail or juvenile detention center.

In accordance with this bill, the Prisoner Reimbursement Fee would be increased from \$30 to \$50 and the required 72-hour minimum stay before reimbursement would be eliminated. The specific effects of this bill would vary by county, and would depend upon the number of counties that have established Prisoner Reimbursement Funds in accordance with current law. (The exact number of counties that require prisoner reimbursement is currently unknown. However, it is estimated that only a small percentage of them do so.)

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County Auditors and Sheriffs' Departments.

**Information Sources:**