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FISCAL NOTE

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Subject: Appropriations; Counties; Prisons and Jails; Health.
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
General Revenue	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

In response to a similar proposal from last session, officials from the **Office of Attorney General** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would require the state to reimburse counties for medical expenses paid for convicted inmates' care during jail stay. The general rule has been that, when the state has a statutory obligation to pay, and there is no clear agency responsibility, it becomes an Office of Administration function.

Officials from the **Office of Administration** assume, based on information obtained from the Department of Corrections, it is estimated that at any time there may be as many as 15,000 prisoners in county jails that ultimately will be sentenced and delivered to the State Department of Corrections. It is not known what the average cost of medical services provided to such prisoners might be. A conservative estimate of \$100 per prisoner would increase the state's annual criminal bill of cost payment by \$1,500,000.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Correctional Medical Facility** assume this proposal would result in savings to their agency of \$120,343 in FY 2002, \$126,360 in FY 2003, and \$132,678 in FY 2004.

Officials from **Greene County Sheriff's Office** assume this proposal would result in a savings of over \$200,000 per year to their county.

In response to similar legislation from last year, officials from the **Office of Cole County Sheriff** assumed the proposed legislation will provide an annual savings in medical costs of \$55,000 with an adjustment for inflation at the rate of approximately 4.5% in subsequent years.

In response to a similar proposal, 10% of their patients represent state offenders being held by the county. During 1999, the cost of health services for the facility totaled \$3,012,342.

Oversight assumes the costs to treat state offenders at the St. Louis County Correctional Medical Facility, as well as, the medical costs reported by the Office of Greene County Sheriff and the Office of the Cole County Sheriff are included in the estimate provided by the Office of Administration.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government

FY 2002
(10 Mo.)

FY 2003

FY 2004

GENERAL REVENUE

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
<u>Costs - Office of Administration</u> Medical Expenses	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS			
<u>Income - Medical Expense</u> Reimbursements	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal requires the state to reimburse counties for reasonable and necessary medical expenses incurred by state inmates while housed in county facilities.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of the Attorney General
Office of Administration
St. Louis County Correctional Medical Facility
Greene County Sheriff's Office
Cole County Sheriff's Office



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