

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 551

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SHERIFFS: Provides relative to the amount DPS&C pays for the housing of state inmates  
in a parish jail or institution

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:824(B)(1)(a), relative to the confinement of inmates; to  
3 provide relative to persons committed to the custody of the Department of Public  
4 Safety and Corrections who are confined in a parish jail or institution; to increase the  
5 amount the Department of Public Safety and Corrections pays for the confinement  
6 of persons in parish jails or institutions; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:824(B)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §824. Commitment of persons to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections

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11 B.(1)(a) In the event any individual has been committed to the department  
12 for confinement which is or has been delayed or prevented after final sentence by  
13 court order restricting the department from institutionalizing the individual, or when  
14 the individual is not institutionalized in a state penal or corrections institution  
15 because of lack of facilities under the control of the department, or the department  
16 otherwise refused to accept the individual for confinement, which resulted or has  
17 resulted in the individual being confined in a parish jail or institution after final  
18 sentence, or when he is being held in the parish jail without bail, pending an appeal,  
19 or when he is a participant in a Blue Walters Substance Abuse Program by order of

1 a court in lieu of revocation of probation or by the board or committee on parole in  
2 lieu of revocation of parole, the department shall pay to each parish sheriff, or to the  
3 governing authority of those parishes in which the governing authority operates the  
4 parish jail, for keeping and feeding the individual in the parish jail the sum of  
5 ~~twenty-four~~ twenty-eight dollars and thirty-nine cents per day. Such daily sum shall  
6 be paid from date of sentencing until the individual is confined in a penal or  
7 correctional institution under the supervision of the department.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases the amount the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections pays for the housing of state inmates in a parish jail or facility from \$24.39 per day to \$28.39 per day.

When an individual has been committed to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections for confinement but the individual is confined in a parish jail or institution, present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to pay the sheriff of the parish, or to the governing authority of those parishes in which the governing authority operates the parish jail, a sum of \$24.39 per day for housing the individual in the parish jail. Present law further provides that such daily sum shall be paid from date of sentencing until the individual is confined in a penal or correctional institution under the supervision of the department.

Proposed law increases this per diem amount from \$24.39 to \$28.39.

(Amends R.S. 15:824(B)(1)(a))