



1 the individual is not institutionalized in a state penal or corrections institution  
2 because of lack of facilities under the control of the department, or the department  
3 otherwise refused to accept the individual for confinement, which resulted or has  
4 resulted in the individual being confined in a parish jail or institution after final  
5 sentence, or when he is being held in the parish jail without bail, pending an appeal,  
6 or when he is a participant in a Blue Walters Substance Abuse Program by order of  
7 a court in lieu of revocation of probation or by the committee on parole in lieu of  
8 revocation of parole, the department shall pay to each parish sheriff, or to the  
9 governing authority of those parishes in which the governing authority operates the  
10 parish jail, for keeping and feeding the individual in the parish jail the sum of  
11 twenty-five dollars and thirty-nine cents per day for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, the sum  
12 of twenty-six dollars and thirty-nine cents per day for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and  
13 each fiscal year thereafter. Such daily sum shall be paid from date of sentencing until  
14 the individual is confined in a penal or correctional institution under the supervision  
15 of the department. The department shall work with sheriffs, or the governing  
16 authority of those parishes in which the governing authority operates the parish jail,  
17 to ensure that the basic jail guidelines are amended by December 31, 2020, to  
18 specifically provide for treatment and educational programming for individuals  
19 confined in a parish jail or institution.

20 **(ii) Any subsequent increases in the daily sum provided for in Item (i) of**  
21 **this Subparagraph on or after January 1, 2026, shall be contingent upon**  
22 **compliance with basic jail guidelines approved by the department, all applicable**  
23 **safety and sanitation laws and regulations, and criteria established by the**  
24 **department by rule. The department shall adopt rules and regulations, in**  
25 **consultation with the sheriff or the governing authority that operates the parish**  
26 **jail, for the implementation of the provisions of this Item. The rules shall**  
27 **establish criteria for eligibility to receive additional per diem funding, including**  
28 **benchmarks and reporting requirements. Such criteria shall include but not be**  
29 **limited to requirements designed to:**



1            **Act, to implement the provisions of this Section.**

2            Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
3 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
4 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
5 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
6 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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DIGEST

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Present law requires any individual subject to confinement in a state adult penal or correctional institution to be committed to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (department). Further authorizes the department to house inmates at a parish jail or institution in certain circumstances and requires the department to pay a daily sum per inmate to each parish sheriff or to the governing authority that operates the jail or institution.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires that any subsequent increase in the daily sum provided for in present law on or after January 1, 2026, is contingent upon compliance with basic jail guidelines approved by the department, all applicable safety and sanitation laws and regulations, and criteria established by the department by rule.

Proposed law requires the department to adopt rules and regulations, in consultation with the sheriff or the governing authority that operates the parish jail, for the implementation of proposed law.

Proposed law requires the rules to establish criteria for eligibility to receive additional per diem funding, including benchmarks and reporting requirements. Such criteria shall include but not be limited to requirements designed to:

- (1) Mitigate the state's exposure to liability risks such as addressing critical facility upgrades and repairs.
- (2) Ensure safe, sanitary, and code-compliant conditions.
- (3) Provide and upgrade adequate technology infrastructure, if applicable.

Proposed law creates the "Transitional Workforce and Vocational Training Pilot Program" within the department for state inmates that are in custody of the sheriff or the governing authority that operates the parish jail. Requires the department to implement the pilot program no later than January 1, 2027.

Proposed law requires the pilot program to provide workforce and vocational training to inmates in high-demand skilled trades to address critical workforce gaps and industry shortages while strengthening reentry outcomes.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the department to select the location and number of inmates in the pilot program.

Proposed law shall be implemented only to the extent that funds are appropriated for this purpose.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the department to submit a report on the overall success of the pilot program to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice no later than January 1, 2029. Requires the report to include a recommendation that the program be continued, expanded, or terminated.

Proposed law requires the department, in consultation with the sheriff or the governing authority that operates the parish jail, to adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with the APA, to implement provisions of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:824(B)(1)(a); adds R.S. 15:828.5)