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| Subject: Pretrial Incarceration Alternative Pilot Program | | |

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 Creates a pretrial incarceration alternative pilot program in Caddo Parish

Purpose of this Bill: This bill authorizes the Caddo Parish Sheriff to implement a new pretrial electronic monitoring pilot program (referred to as the Caddo Parish Pretrial Home Incarceration Program) as an alternative to traditional incarceration while awaiting trial. The bill provides for program requirements and funding, provides that the Sheriff and Parish will not be responsible for certain living costs for participants, and requires an evaluation and reporting of program effectiveness. In addition, the bill provides that this program will be phased out through attrition starting 60 days after a larger parish jail is built and occupied or an existing jail is expanded to increase its capacity.

| EXPENDITURES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
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| REVENUES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase combined expenditures for the Caddo Parish Sheriff and Commission by \$541,624 starting in FY 2027 to \$590,357 by FY 2031 for monitoring participants, while potentially decreasing incarceration costs by \$844,469 annually.

Personnel and Fuel: Based on information from the Sheriff, personnel and fuel costs may total \$94,863 annually to hire an additional Sheriff employee to monitor participants (\$84,563 annually) and for fuel costs for program field visits (\$10,300 annually). These costs are expected to increase by 3% annually.

Monitoring Devices: Based on information from the Sheriff and the Parish, monitoring devices for the program may cost \$446,761 annually (\$8.16 per participant per day x up to 150 participants x 365 days). These costs are expected to increase by 2% annually.

Potential Living Cost Reductions: Based on information from the Sheriff and the Parish, shifting participant living costs to defendants may decrease incarceration costs by \$844,469 annually, with the Parish saving \$552,156 (medical and transportation) and the Sheriff saving \$292,313 (food and clothing). However, these savings may be offset to the extent that new defendants/inmates replace program participants in the parish jail.

Note: The Parish may pay supervision fees for indigent participants, which would shift program costs from the participant to the Parish.

Note: Officials with the Parish and Sheriff indicated that they were not aware of any plans or ongoing work to build a new jail or expand the capacity of an existing jail within the next five years.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase overall local fund revenue by an indeterminable amount to the extent fees are collected from participants to defray program costs. The bill requires participants to pay a fee to defray program costs, but provides that the Sheriff and Parish may work together to cover some or all of the costs for indigent participants. Due to uncertainties regarding participants' ability to pay and collection rates, the amount of fees that will be collected from the individuals is indeterminable.

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