

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 143

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, ADAMS, BERAULT, BOUDREAUX, BOYER, CARPENTER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DEWITT, EGAN, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, HORTON, KERNER, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MACK, MOORE, THOMPSON, VILLIO, WILEY, AND ZERINGUE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:824(B)(1)(a), relative to the confinement of persons
3 committed to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to
4 increase the amount the Department of Pubic Safety and Corrections pays for the
5 confinement of these persons in a parish jail or institution; and to provide for related
6 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)(i) 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
20 a court in lieu of revocation of probation or by the committee on parole in lieu of
21 revocation of parole, the department shall pay to each parish sheriff, or to the

1 governing authority of those parishes in which the governing authority operates the
2 parish jail, for keeping and feeding the individual in the parish ~~jail~~ jail:

3 (aa) The sum of twenty-five dollars and thirty-nine cents per day for Fiscal
4 Year 2019-2020,~~the~~.

5 (bb) The sum of twenty-six dollars and thirty-nine cents per day for Fiscal
6 Year 2020-2021; through Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

7 (cc) The sum of twenty-nine dollars and thirty-nine cents per day for Fiscal
8 Year 2027-2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.

9 (ii) ~~Such daily sum~~ The daily sum required pursuant to Item (i) of this
10 Subparagraph shall be paid from date of sentencing until the individual is confined
11 in a penal or correctional institution under the supervision of the department. The
12 department shall work with sheriffs, or the governing authority of those parishes in
13 which the governing authority operates the parish jail, to ensure that the basic jail
14 guidelines are amended by December 31, 2020, to specifically provide for treatment
15 and educational programming for individuals confined in a parish jail or institution.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____