




Roy Cooper, Governor

Todd Ishee, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairs, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs, House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs, Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety

FROM: Todd E. Ishee, Secretary 

RE: Reimburse Counties for Housing and Extraordinary Medical Costs for Offenders, Parolees, and Post Release Supervisees Awaiting Transfer to State Prison System

DATE: August 8, 2023

Pursuant to S.L. 2021-180, Section 19C.7, the Department shall report quarterly to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the expenditure of funds to reimburse counties for prisoners awaiting transfer.

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Due to staffing shortages and to enhance safety with the resulting shortages, in June of 2018, State prison facilities began backlogging offenders sentenced to serve terms of incarceration in the state prison system in county jails as a means of population control.

For the 1st quarter of 2023, the Department incurred jail backlog cost of \$23,720, as detailed in the table below. This is a significant decrease from the previous quarter which had jail backlog cost of \$471,840.

CALENDAR YEAR	MONTH	DAYS INVOICED	AMOUNT INVOICED FROM COUNTY JAIL TO DOP	AMOUNT SUBMITTED TO ACCTG FOR PAYMENT	ACTUAL AMOUNT PAID BY DOP TO COUNTY JAIL	BALANCE DOP TO PAY TO COUNTY JAIL
2023	January	360	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$ -
2023	February	133	\$ 5,320.00	\$ 5,320.00	\$ 1,720.00	\$ 3,600.00
2023	March	100	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Total			\$23,720.00	\$23,720.00	\$20,120.00	\$3,600.00