

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>   | <b>SB 244</b>      |
| <b>Version:</b>  | <b>ENGR</b>        |
| <b>Request Number:</b>   |                    |
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| <b>Impact: DOC: possible increased cost for county jail backup</b> |                    |

**Research Analysis**

SB 244 authorizes the Department to establish a dedicated electronic address to receive all electronically submitted judgment and sentence documents and removes the penalty for county sheriffs related to the five-day notification requirement for county jails transferring a prisoner to the custody of the Department of Corrections. If the Department receives the judgement and sentence documents after five days, the Department will still be responsible for compensating the county jail that housed the inmate.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 244, which removes the 5 day rule for county jails to submit sentencing documents to DOC, upon review and with consultation from the agency, is determined to have a negative impact for the Department. Without a notification deadline in statute, counties can hold inmates for indefinite periods of time. Currently, DOC is statutorily required to pay \$27/day to county jails per inmate. The total number of inmates transferred from county jails to DOC custody in FY-18 was 10,777 at a price of \$11 million. The overall additional cost to DOC is contingent upon how many jails do not notify the Department within 5 days, and the number of additional days DOC is required to reimburse county jails.

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**Other Considerations**

None.