



AN ACT REVISING PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR USE OF A DETENTION CENTER; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "ACTUAL COSTS"; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 7-32-2242, MCA; AND PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 7-32-2242, MCA, is amended to read:

**"7-32-2242. Use of detention center -- payment of costs.** (1) Local government, state, and federal law enforcement and correctional agencies may use any detention center for the confinement of arrested persons and the punishment of offenders, under conditions imposed by law and with the consent of the governing body responsible for the detention center.

(2) (a) Except as provided in 7-32-2245, if a person is confined in a detention center by an arresting agency not responsible for the operation of the detention center, the actual costs of holding the person in confinement must be paid by the arresting agency unless otherwise agreed to by the arresting agency and the operator of the detention center.

(b) If a city or town commits a person to the detention center of the county in which the city or town is located for a reason other than detention pending trial for or detention for service of a sentence for violating an ordinance of that city or town, the costs must be paid by the county, except as provided in 7-32-2245. If the department of corrections is the arresting agency and the inmate is a probation violator, the costs must be paid by the county in which the district court that retains jurisdiction over the inmate is located, except as provided in 7-32-2245.

(c) The department of corrections is responsible ~~to pay for~~ paying the actual costs for defendants following the pronouncement of sentence pursuant to 46-19-101.

~~(d)~~(d) Payments must be made to the government unit responsible for the detention center or to the

administrator operating a private detention center under an agreement provided for in 7-32-2201 on presentation of a claim to the arresting agency.

~~(e)(e)~~ For the purposes of this section, "actual costs" ~~of a detention center is defined as the greater~~ of:

~~(i) — the daily per inmate provider rate for crossroads correctional facility less 10%; or~~

~~(ii) — \$82 of a detention center is defined as the greater of:~~

(i) — the daily per inmate provider rate for an operator of a private correctional facility in Montana with a population of more than 500 state inmates that contracts with the department of corrections less 10%; or

(ii) — \$82.

(3) If a person is a fugitive from justice from an out-of-state jurisdiction, the costs, including medical expenses, of holding the person in a detention center pending extradition must be paid by the out-of-state jurisdiction."

**Section 2. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated \$6 million from the state special revenue account created in 50-1-119 to the department of public health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025. The funds may be used only to reimburse counties for the costs of holding in confinement in detention centers individuals who are awaiting evaluation or examination under 46-14-101, 46-14-202, 46-14-221, or 46-14-311, or who have been committed to the custody of the director of public health and human services and are awaiting placement in appropriate facilities pursuant to 46-14-221, 46-14-301, 46-14-302, 46-14-304, 46-14-312, or 46-19-101.

(2) The department of public health and human services shall reimburse counties at a rate of 135% of the daily per inmate provider rate of an operator of a private correctional facility in Montana with a population of more than 500 state inmates that contracts with the department of corrections.

(3) The legislature intends that this is a one-time-only appropriation.

**Section 3. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2027.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 643, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 643

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