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SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 17.3: Increase Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program Daily Amount/Reimburse Housing Inmates Awaiting Transfer

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-41, Sec. 17.3

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Section 17.3 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) makes the following changes to reimbursement of counties housing inmates:

- Increases the daily reimbursement to counties housing inmates under the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program (SMCP) from the previous \$40 up to \$50 per inmate.
- Authorizes the Department of Adult Correction to reimburse counties for the cost of housing convicted inmates, parolees, and post-release supervisees awaiting transfer to the State prison system at a rate of up to \$50 per day per prisoner awaiting transfer.

This section became effective July 1, 2026. The increase in reimbursement for SCMP applies to misdemeanants housed on or after that date.

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