



2025-2026 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 17.8: Further Delineate Reimbursement Procedures for Roadway Cleanup Program

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Section 17.8 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) amends the authorization for inmates in the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program (SMCP) to be utilized for roadway cleanup, including the removal of debris resulting from major disaster declarations as follows:

- Defines "housing night" as a night spent by an individual inmate in the custody of the sheriff pursuant to SMCP.
- Increases the reimbursement rate to counties for inmates utilized for roadway cleanup from \$60 to \$70 per inmate per day, if the sheriff meets the modified requirements of this section.
- Modifies the eligibility for increased reimbursement for SMCP inmates performing roadway cleanup based on the following work hour and housing night requirements:
 - 50 work hours, if the sheriff did not exceed 100 housing nights in the calendar month 3 months prior to the month in which the work hours occur.
 - 150 work hours, if the sheriff totals 101 to 200 housing nights in the calendar month 3 months prior to the calendar month in which the work hours occur.
 - 250 work hours, if the sheriff totals 201 to 300 housing nights in the calendar month 3 months prior to the calendar month in which the work hours occur.
 - 350 work hours, if the sheriff totals 301 to 400 housing nights in the calendar month 3 months prior to the calendar month in which the work hours occur.
 - 450 work hours, if the sheriff totals 401 to 500 housing nights in the calendar month 3 months prior to the calendar month in which the work hours occur.
 - 500 work hours, if the sheriff exceeds 500 housing nights in the calendar month 3 months prior to the calendar month in which the work hours occur.

This section becomes effective October 1, 2026, and applies to work hours performed in the next calendar month after this section becomes effective.

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