

Legislative Analysis



COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT

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House Bill 5643

Sponsor: Rep. Bill Caul

Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5643 AS INTRODUCED 2-7-06

The bill would amend the Prisoner Reimbursement to the County Act to give a county six years (rather than 12 months) to file a civil action seeking reimbursement for the expenses of confining a person to county jail.

A county currently must file a civil action seeking reimbursement within 12 months after the release from county jail of a sentenced prisoner or of a pretrial detainee who is later convicted of a felony.

MCL 801.87

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill could increase revenues for counties, with the amount depending on the extent to which they were able to recover costs that otherwise would have been unrecoverable.

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