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House Bill 5643 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Bill Caul  
House Committee: Judiciary  
Senate Committee: Judiciary

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Prisoner Reimbursement to the County Act to allow a county to seek reimbursement from certain prisoners within six years, rather than 12 months, after the prisoners' release from a county jail.

Under the Act, within 12 months after the release from a county jail of a sentenced prisoner or a pretrial detainee whose prosecution resulted in a felony conviction, an attorney for that county may file a civil action to seek reimbursement from that person for his or her maintenance and support while he or she was confined in the jail, or for any other expense for which the county may be reimbursed under the Act. Under the bill, an attorney for a county could pursue such an action within six years after the prisoner's release.

MCL 801.87

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would increase revenue to counties by an unknown amount. The actual amount would depend on the extent to which lengthening the recovery period would result in reimbursements that would not be obtained within the existing 12-month time frame.

This estimate is preliminary and will be revised as new information becomes available.

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