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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 31, L.D. 56, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Fee That May Be Assessed against a Prisoner to Help Defray the Costs of Incarceration"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$60" and inserting in its place the following: '\$80'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Corrections will realize savings from a higher revenue deduction due to an increase in the maximum reimbursement fee that may be assessed to help defray the cost of incarceration in a county jail. It is estimated that the increase in revenue to the counties may approach \$145,000. Any increase in revenue at the county level will reduce the per diem reimbursement rate and result in General Fund savings to the Community Based Corrections program. The amount of General Fund savings can not be determined at this time.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department.

The Governor's proposed "current services" budget includes changes that limit county reimbursement for jails. This estimate of the fiscal impact may need to be adjusted based on final legislative actions on the "current services" budget.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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This amendment increases the maximum assessment for the cost of incarceration of a prisoner in a county jail to \$80 to help defray the costs of incarceration.