

House Bill 886

By: Representative Buckner of the 130<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to conditions of detention, so as to increase the minimum reimbursement rate paid  
3 to counties for housing state inmates; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective  
4 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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**SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 conditions of detention, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 42-5-51,  
10 relating to jurisdiction over certain misdemeanor offenders, designation of place of  
11 confinement of inmates, and reimbursement of counties for housing state inmates, as follows:

12 "(c) After proper documentation is received from the clerk of the court, the department  
13 shall have 15 days to transfer an inmate under sentence to the place of confinement. If the  
14 inmate is not transferred within the 15 days, the department ~~will~~ shall reimburse the county,  
15 in a sum not less than ~~\$7.50~~ \$45.00 per day per inmate ~~and in such an amount as may be~~  
16 ~~appropriated for this purpose by the General Assembly~~, for the cost of the incarceration,  
17 commencing 15 days after proper documentation is received by the department from the  
18 clerk of the court. The reimbursement provisions of this Code section shall only apply to  
19 payment for the incarceration of felony inmates available for transfer to the department,  
20 except inmates under death sentence awaiting transfer after their initial trial, and shall not  
21 apply to inmates who were incarcerated under the custody of the commissioner at the time  
22 they were returned to the county jail for trial on additional charges or returned to the county  
23 jail for any other purposes, including for the purpose of a new trial."

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**SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2007.

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**SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.