

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 854

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5 By: Senator Critcher
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF
10 MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR STATE INMATES IN COUNTY
11 JAILS AWAITING TRANSFER TO STATE CUSTODY; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF
16 MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR STATE INMATES IN
17 COUNTY JAILS AWAITING TRANSFER TO STATE
18 CUSTODY.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-27-11(c), concerning reimbursement of
24 county expenses for state inmates' medical care in county jails, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 (c)(1)(A) The Board of Correction and Community Punishment shall adopt
27 regulations by which the Department of Correction may reimburse any county,
28 which is required to retain an inmate awaiting delivery to the custody of the
29 department for more than thirty (30) days, for the actual costs paid for any
30 emergency medical care for physical injury or illness of the inmate retained
31 under this section if the injury or illness is directly related to the
32 incarceration and the county is required by law to provide such care for
33 inmates in the jail.

34 (B)(i) For an inmate awaiting delivery to the custody of
35 the department for thirty (30) or fewer days, the county shall spend funds
36 for the first two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) in costs for any medical care



1 for physical injury or illness of an inmate awaiting delivery to the custody
2 of the department.

3 (ii) For medical expenses in excess of two hundred
4 fifty dollars (\$250), the department may reimburse the county for the excess
5 costs for medical care for physical injury or illness of an inmate awaiting
6 delivery to the custody of the department.

7 (2) The director of the department or his designee may accept
8 custody of any inmate as soon as possible upon determination said inmate is
9 required to have extended medical care, upon request of the county.

10 (3) The sheriff shall maintain copies of all invoices regarding
11 medical expenses incurred by inmates for presentation to the department or to
12 the Arkansas State Claims Commission for proper payment.

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