



## FISCAL NOTE

### House Bill 274

Committee: Ways and Means General Fund      Sponsor: Representative Paul Lee

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**House Bill 274** as introduced would increase the obligations of the State General Fund, and correspondingly increase cumulative receipts to the respective sheriff's Prisoner Feeding Funds, by an estimated \$1.3 million in fiscal year 2024 and an estimated \$5.3 million each fiscal year thereafter by increasing the daily rate paid to sheriffs for feeding of prisoners in county jails from \$2.25, under current law, to \$3.25.

In addition, this bill would further increase the obligations of the State General Fund by a maximum of \$250,000 annually, beginning in fiscal year 2025, depending on the year-end balance of the Emergency Prisoner Feeding Fund by increasing the automatic annual appropriation to the Fund from \$500,000 to \$750,000.

This bill could also increase the annual obligations of the Emergency Prisoner Feeding Fund by an undetermined amount by increasing the annual amount that may be requested jointly by a county commission and sheriff from the Fund from \$25,000, under current law, to \$50,000.

Further this bill would provide that a sheriff or county commission may use funds from any source for feeding of prisoners and would prohibit the Department of Finance from considering funds from local sources when reviewing an application for disbursement from the Emergency Prisoner Feeding Fund.