

Subject Federal Immigration Detention

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Overview

This bill requires sheriffs to: (1) preserve and protect the constitutional rights and health and welfare of inmates in county jails; and (2) apply jail rules equally to all inmates regardless of which government entity ordered detention. The bill also establishes an immigrant legal services account funded with proceeds from housing federal immigration detainees in county jails and state prisons.

Summary

Section	Description
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| 1 | Federal immigration detainees.
Requires any amount that a sheriff or the commissioner of corrections receives for housing federal immigration detainees above their facility's average operating per diem be deposited in the proposed immigrant legal services account. |
| 2 | Inmate constitutional rights.
Requires sheriffs to preserve and protect the constitutional rights and health and welfare of inmates in county jails. |
| 3 | Immigrant legal services account; grant program; appropriation.
Subd. 1. Account established. Establishes an immigrant legal services account in the special revenue fund.
Subd. 2. Account purpose; grant program. Directs the commissioner of public safety to use funds in the account for grants to community-based nonprofits to provide legal services to immigrants.
Subd. 3. Appropriation. Appropriates money in the account to the commissioner of public safety. |

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4	Equal treatment. Requires sheriffs to apply jail rules equally to inmates regardless of which government entity ordered detention. Mandates that sheriffs may not renew contracts that provide for treatment of inmates that violates this section.
5	Effective date. Establishes May 1, 2021, as the effective date for sections 1 to 4.



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