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The total number of inmates with Immigration Detainers in Texas County jails was 3,953 for the month of August, the total count of inmate days was 102,861 and the total cost of housing inmates with immigration detainers was \$6,385,758.97. This number was calculated by each county and reported to the Commission.

SB 1698 mandated the reporting of the total number of inmates with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainers housed in jails under the Commission's purview as part of the monthly population report.

The statute also requires jail officials report the total cost of confinement to the county during the preceding month of housing ICE detainees. The Commission has determined the formula for jails to utilize to calculate the average daily cost to incarcerate and is as follows;


Annual Jail Budget ÷ Total Number of Beds ÷ 365 = Average Daily Cost

Example from Gonzales County's figures: \$1,333,115.00 ÷ 96 ÷ 365 = \$38.05 (Average Daily Cost)

To calculate the total cost each month, jail officials have to determine the total number of days for each incarcerated ICE detainee and multiply by the Average Daily Cost. In addition, jail officials may also report any extraordinary cost associated with a particular ICE detainee such as catastrophic medical care (i.e. cancer, heart attack, etc.) incurred during the reporting month.

Please call Melissa Johns at (512) 463-8079 or email her at melissa.johns@tcjs.state.tx.us for additional information regarding this report.

Sincerely,


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To empower local government to provide safe, secure and suitable local jail facilities through proper rules and procedures while promoting innovative programs and ideas