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It is the duty of the jailer to receive and safely keep, without any fee therefor, all convicts on their way to the penitentiary, whenever the sheriff or other officer in charge of such convicts may deem it necessary. T.C.A. § 41-4-104. *Sowards v. Loudon County*, 203 F.3d 426, 436 (6th Cir. 2000) (Jailers are charged with the following responsibilities: to receive and safely keep convicts on their way to the state or federal penitentiary, ....).

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