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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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The county legislative body of each county has the authority to pass a resolution fixing the amount of jailer's fees that may be applied to misdemeanant prisoners. The rate fixed shall apply to prisoners confined in the county jail or county workhouse or workhouses, but not meeting the conditions required for a state subsidy under Title 41, Chapter 8. T.C.A. § 8-26-105(a). See Sample Resolution to Fix Jailer's Fee.

Reimbursement for Boarding State Prisoners

The state is required to pay for the board of state prisoners in accordance with Title 41, Chapter 8. Within the time requirements of T.C.A. § 41-8-106, the number of prisoners held and bills for the same shall be made out and sworn to by the sheriff or workhouse superintendent and certified by the clerk. T.C.A. § 41-2-119(a) and (b).

See Jailer's Fees under Sheriff's Fees of the Law Enforcement topic for more information.

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