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Via Certified Mail

Re: Budgeting Reminder – Jail Per Diem Rate

Dear Commissioners,

As you are preparing your budgets for the fiscal year starting 1 July 2022, please remember that during the 2021 Second Special Session of the Legislature, SB2023 was completed and became effective from passage on June 24, 2021. SB2023 affected West Virginia Code **§15A-3-16. Funds for operations of jails under the jurisdiction of the commissioner.** SB2023 revised subsection (g) of said code to extend the statutory per diem cap of \$48.25, paid by counties and municipalities to incarcerate inmates in regional jails, through July 1, 2022.

The State Budget Office is required by law to establish the per diem rate annually based on the three most current years of jail operating expenses. **The current per diem rate established by the State Budget Office is \$54.13. Absent further legislative action, jail billings to counties and municipalities will be based on the rate of \$54.13 beginning with the July 2022 billing cycle.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Wilson, Manager, Accounts Receivable Unit at 304-414-3432 or by email at Kimberly.S.Wilson@wv.gov.

Very respectfully,

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