

PRISON/JAIL POPULATION COST ESTIMATE STATEMENT
NINETIETH SESSION
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SENATE BILL NO. 97

**AN ACT TO REVISE THE ALLOWABLE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON ADMITTED TO
DRUG COURT.**

A prison/jail population cost estimate statement has been requested on SB97 due to the revision of penalties for a person admitted to drug court.

SB 97 would allow the Unified Judicial System to admit individuals to drug courts that would otherwise have to go to prison by allowing the use of local jails for sanctioning when a person has already used up their statutory 180 days available for jail. Based on data provided by the Unified Judicial System, up to 7 individuals annually would not be sent to prison but could be sanctioned to county jail. The average prison sentence for a drug court client is 3.7 years. As a result, the state would avoid paying prison costs of \$99,236 in the first year, and \$3,080,944 over a 10 year period. The average length of stay for individuals affiliated with drug court and sanctioned to county jail is 2.64 days. Therefore, the annual jail cost is \$1,336 and jail costs over a 10 year period is \$13,360.

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