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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: West Virginia Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority TITLE NUMBER: 94

RULE TYPE: ~~Active~~ Legislative CITE AUTHORITY: Section 31-20-10(h)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 07

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: ~~CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINATION OF PROJECTED COST PER DAY FOR INMATES INCARCERATED IN REGIONAL JAILS OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY~~

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON July 26, 2013 AT 10 AM ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

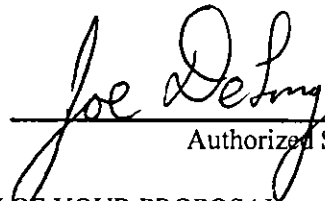
West Virginia Regional Jail & Correctional Facility

Authority

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THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.


Authorized Signature

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

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June 26, 2013

STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

The West Virginia Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority (“Authority”) is hereby submitting the attached legislative rule amendments for public comment. The proposed rule amendment is in relation to Title 94, Series 7 of the Legislative Rules and is entitled “Criteria and Procedures for Determination of Projected Cost Per Day for Inmates Incarcerated in Regional Jails Operated by the Authority.”

Currently, the Authority charges the counties amounts that reflect the daily costs of incarcerating inmates. Under the current version of the rule, the inmate cost per day (per diem rate) is calculated by a state-wide aggregation of all costs incurred by the Authority in the incarceration of inmates. The current version of the rule does not account for possible reductions to that rate, which could be achieved via other revenue streams generated by the Authority.

Through this rule amendment, the Authority seeks the ability to, in its discretion and when fiscally possible and prudent, reduce the per diem rate charged to the counties through application of other revenue streams and savings from cost efficiency efforts.

This rule change will give the Authority the ability to reduce the total amounts charged to the counties for inmate incarcerations, and thus will reduce the overall financial burden placed on the counties for the same.

TITLE 94
LEGISLATIVE RULE
REGIONAL JAIL AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AUTHORITY

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SERIES 7
CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES
FOR DETERMINATION OF PROJECTED COST PER DAY FOR INMATES
INCARCERATED IN REGIONAL JAILS OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY

§94-7-1. General.

1.1 Scope. -- This legislative rule applies to the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority, and to counties, municipalities, the West Virginia Division of Corrections, and any other entity by whose authority inmates are incarcerated and maintained in regional jails operated by the West Virginia Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority. The enforcement of this rule rests with the Executive Director of the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority. W. Va. Code §31-20-10(h) requires the West Virginia Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority to develop an operational cost per day for inmates incarcerated in regional jails. This rule allocates resources and services necessary to protect the public safety by properly funding West Virginia's Regional Jail system.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §31-20-10(h).

1.3. Filing Date. -- June 5, 2009.

1.4. Effective Date. -- June 15, 2009.

1.5. Amends 94CSR7 which was effective March 28, 2007.

§94-7-2. Calculation of Projected Cost Per Inmate Day.

2.1. The Authority shall establish a uniform statewide per diem for housing persons in the Regional Jail system. The per diem shall be established using the Regional Jail system as a whole of all the regional jails combined.

2.2. Annually, the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority shall establish an expenditure schedule, consistent with the requirements of W. Va. Code §31-20-10a *et seq.* for the operation of the Regional Jail system. This schedule will cover all operational costs including, but not limited to personal services, employee benefits, public employees insurance reserve fund, current expenses, liquidity reassurance reserve, repairs and alterations and assets, as well as budgetary cost adjustments and all requirements of the State Budget Office. In calculating the schedule, the Authority may include moneys for an operational reserve fund: *Provided*, that moneys budgeted for the operational reserve fund may not exceed the amount of actual operational expenditures incurred during a three month period in the preceding fiscal year; *Provided, however*, that such three month period must be the three month period with the lowest operational expenditures for any three month period in the preceding fiscal year.

2.3. The projected expenditure schedule will be divided by the previous fiscal year's billed average daily inmate population to yield the preliminary projected cost per inmate day. The RJA Board will evaluate the preliminary projected cost per inmate day to determine if reductions can be implemented based on other RJA revenues, cash reserves, and cost efficiency efforts. The RJA Board will have discretionary authority to reduce the preliminary projected cost per inmate day based on adopting a fiscally sound annual operating budget.

2.4. The RJA Board approved cost per inmate day shall then become effective as of July 1st of the next ~~physical~~ fiscal year's budget following the October projection.

§94-7-3. Annual Statement of Projected Cost Per Inmate Day.

In October of each year, an annual statement of projected cost per inmate day will be provided, upon request, to any billed entity who has or may have an inmate incarcerated in a regional jail.

§94-7-4. Preparation and Distribution of Monthly Billing Statements.

4.1. The Authority shall prepare a monthly billing statement, which, at a minimum, will include the name of the inmate, incarceration dates, the number of days the inmate was housed in a regional jail during the billing month, and the total charges per entity for inmate maintenance during the month.

4.2. The monthly billing statement shall be due and payable upon receipt.

4.3. The Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, may initiate legal action to collect any debts resulting from the failure of a responsible entity to make prompt payment of billed charges per entity.

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Criteria and Procedures for determination of projected cost per day for inmates incarcerated in regional jails operated by the authority.

Rule Title: _____

Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency: West Virginia Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority

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Fiscal Note Summary

Summarize in a clear and concise manner what impact this measure will have on costs and revenues of state government.

The WV Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority would not be fiscally impacted by the proposed rule change.

Fiscal Note Detail

Show over-all effect in Item 1 and 2 and, in Item 3, give an explanation of Breakdown by fiscal year, including long-range effect.

FISCAL YEAR			
Effect of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Next Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	0	0	0
Personal Services			
Current Expenses			
Repairs & Alterations			
Assets			
Other			
2. Estimated Total Revenues	0	0	0

Criteria and Procedures for determination of projected cost per day for inmates incarcerated in regional jails operated by the authority.

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3. **Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect):**
Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

MEMORANDUM

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule would not have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues not captured elsewhere on this form.

Date: 06/26/2013

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

Joe DeLong