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Senate Bill 1040 (as introduced 4-14-98)

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The bill would amend the Department of Corrections (DOC) law to expand the circumstances under

The DOC law requires the Department to supervise and inspect jails and lockups that are under the  
ion of the county sheriffs. The DOC must promulgate rules and standards promoting th  
proper, efficient, and  
that those rules may not prohibit the housing of two inmates in a county jail cell that is designed and  
ted for single occupancy if that cell is at least 65 square feet in area and provide  
unrestricted access to a day area that is available for use by inmates, other than those bein  
disciplined. The day area must be available at least 14 hours per day and contain an average of at

Under the bill, the rules could not prohibit the housing of two inmates in a county jail cell designed  
single occupancy either if the current requirements for square footage and day  
area ere met, or if the cell were at least 55 square feet in area and both of the inmates

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have no direct fiscal impact on State government.

that a county jail met the design and population profile requirements proposed in the  
bill, county jail capacity would be expanded without construction costs. In general, counties  
asing capacity size would have additional costs for housing more offenders; however, o  
average the cost of housing offenders would decrease. Thus, counties could  
costs, but incur increased operating costs.

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