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House Bill 6156 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Mark Meadows
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the definition of "municipality" in the Inmate Reimbursement to Municipalities Act to refer to a city, village, or township located in a district court district of the third class, rather than in a county with a population of 500,000 or more.

Under the Act, a municipality may seek reimbursement from any person who is or was a convicted inmate in the municipal jail or a county jail for expenses the municipality incurred in relation to that person's incarceration, as follows:

- Not more than \$60 per day for the expenses of maintaining the inmate or the actual per diem cost of doing so, whichever is less, for the entire time the inmate was confined in the municipal jail, including any period of pretrial detention.
- The per-day cost a county charged the municipality for housing the inmate in the county jail, up to \$60 per day, for the entire period during which the inmate was housed there.
- The cost of providing medical treatment, prescription drugs, dental care, and other medical examinations or procedures.
- The cost of investigating the person's financial status.
- Any other expenses incurred by the municipality to collect payments under the Act.

"Municipality" means a city, village, or township located within a county that has a population of at least 500,000. (Kent, Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties meet this population threshold.) Under the bill, instead, the term would mean a city, village, or township located within a district court district of the third class.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could result in additional revenue for municipalities that operate jails within district court districts of the third class, by allowing them to seek reimbursement from convicted inmates for incarceration costs assumed by the municipalities. The potential revenue gain from the bill's provisions would be offset by additional local administrative cost associated with the requirement that municipalities investigate an offender's financial status to determine the inmate's ability to pay reimbursement.

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