

Assembly Bill No. 1016

CHAPTER 660

An act to amend Section 4750 of the Penal Code, and to amend Section 4117 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to state hospitals, and making an appropriation therefor.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1016, Achadjian. Inmates: state hospitals: reimbursement of costs.

Under existing law, a county is required to submit a statement of all nontreatment costs incurred by the county relating to a trial or hearing for a person who is confined to a state hospital, as specified, to the Controller for approval. Existing law requires those costs to be paid out of money appropriated by the Legislature to the county treasurer of the county in which the trial or hearing was held.

Under existing law, a city, county, or superior court is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable and necessary costs connected with trials and hearings relating to state prisons or prisoners, as specified.

This bill would require that reimbursement for specified nontreatment costs be paid from moneys appropriated by the Legislature for purposes of reimbursing cities, counties, or superior courts for prison- and prisoner-related costs. By adding a new purpose for previously appropriated funds, this bill would make an appropriation.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4750 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

4750. A city, county, or superior court shall be entitled to reimbursement for reasonable and necessary costs connected with state prisons or prisoners in connection with any of the following:

(a) Any crime committed at a state prison, whether by a prisoner, employee, or other person.

With respect to a prisoner, "crime committed at a state prison" as used in this subdivision, includes, but is not limited to, crimes committed by the prisoner while detained in local facilities as a result of a transfer pursuant to Section 2910 or 6253, or in conjunction with any hearing, proceeding, or other activity for which reimbursement is otherwise provided by this section.

(b) Any crime committed by a prisoner in furtherance of an escape. Any crime committed by an escaped prisoner within 10 days after the escape and within 100 miles of the facility from which the escape occurred shall be presumed to have been a crime committed in furtherance of an escape.

(c) Any hearing on any return of a writ of habeas corpus prosecuted by or on behalf of a prisoner.

(d) Any trial or hearing on the question of the sanity of a prisoner.

(e) Any costs not otherwise reimbursable under Section 1557 or any other related provision in connection with any extradition proceeding for any prisoner released to hold.

(f) Any costs incurred by a coroner in connection with the death of a prisoner.

(g) Any costs incurred in transporting a prisoner within the host county or as requested by the prison facility or incurred for increased security while a prisoner is outside a state prison.

(h) Any crime committed by a state inmate at a state hospital for the care, treatment, and education of the mentally disordered, as specified in Section 7200 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(i) Commencing January 1, 2012, any nontreatment costs described in subdivision (b) of Section 4117 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(j) No city, county, or other jurisdiction may file, and the state may not reimburse, a claim pursuant to this section that is presented to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or to any other agency or department of the state more than six months after the close of the month in which the costs were incurred.

SEC. 2. Section 4117 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

4117. (a) Whenever a trial is had of any person charged with escape or attempt to escape from a state hospital, whenever a hearing is had on the return of a writ of habeas corpus prosecuted by or on behalf of any person confined in a state hospital except in a proceeding to which Section 5110 applies, whenever a hearing is had on a petition under Section 1026.2, subdivision (b) of Section 1026.5, Section 2972, or Section 2966 of the Penal Code, Section 7361 of this code, or former Section 6316.2 of this code for the release of a person confined in a state hospital, and whenever a person confined in a state hospital is tried for any crime committed therein, the appropriate financial officer or other designated official of the county in which the trial or hearing is had shall make out a statement of all mental health treatment costs and shall make out a separate statement of all nontreatment costs incurred by the county for investigation and other preparation for the trial or hearing, and the actual trial or hearing, all costs of maintaining custody of the patient and transporting him or her to and from the hospital, and costs of appeal, which statements shall be properly certified by a judge of the superior court of that county and the statement of mental health treatment costs shall be sent to the State Department of Mental Health and the statement of all nontreatment costs shall be sent to the Controller for approval. After approval, the department shall cause the

amount of mental health treatment costs incurred on or after July 1, 1987, to be paid to the county mental health director or his or her designee where the trial or hearing was held out of the money appropriated for this purpose by the Legislature. In addition, the Controller shall cause the amount of all nontreatment costs incurred on and after July 1, 1987, to be paid out of the money appropriated by the Legislature, to the county treasurer of the county where the trial or hearing was had.

(b) Commencing January 1, 2012, the nontreatment costs associated with Section 2966 of the Penal Code and approved by the Controller, as required by subdivision (a), shall be paid by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation pursuant to Section 4750 of the Penal Code.

(c) Whenever a hearing is held pursuant to Section 1604, 1608, 1609, or 2966 of the Penal Code, all transportation costs to and from a state hospital or a facility designated by the community program director during the hearing shall be paid by the Controller as provided in this subdivision. The appropriate financial officer or other designated official of the county in which a hearing is held shall make out a statement of all transportation costs incurred by the county, which statement shall be properly certified by a judge of the superior court of that county and sent to the Controller for approval. The Controller shall cause the amount of transportation costs incurred on and after July 1, 1987, to be paid to the county treasurer of the county where the hearing was had out of the money appropriated by the Legislature.

As used in this subdivision the community program director is the person designated pursuant to Section 1605 of the Penal Code.