



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5149.38 Memorandum of understanding regarding local confinement.

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(A) In each target county and in each voluntary county, subject to division (B) of this section and not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section , a county commissioner representing the board of county commissioners of the county, the administrative judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of the county, the sheriff of the county, and an official from any municipality operating a local correctional facility in the county to which courts of the county sentence offenders shall agree to, sign, and submit to the department of rehabilitation and correction for its approval a memorandum of understanding that does both of the following:

(1) Sets forth the plans by which the county will use grant money provided to the county in state fiscal year 2018 and succeeding state fiscal years under the targeting community alternatives to prison (T-CAP) program.

(2) Specifies the manner in which the county will address a per diem reimbursement of local correctional facilities for prisoners who serve a prison term in the facility pursuant to division (B)(3)(c) of section 2929.34 of the Revised Code. The per diem reimbursement rate shall be the rate determined in division (F)(1) of this section and shall be specified in the memorandum.

(B) Two or more target counties or voluntary counties may join together to jointly establish a memorandum of understanding of the type described in division (A) of this section. Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section , a county commissioner from each of the affiliating target counties or voluntary counties representing the county's board of county commissioners, the administrative judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of each affiliating target county or voluntary county, the sheriff of each affiliating target county or voluntary county, and an official from any municipality operating a local correctional facility in the affiliating target counties and voluntary counties to which courts of the counties sentence offenders shall agree to, sign, and submit to the department of rehabilitation and correction for its approval the memorandum of understanding. The memorandum of understanding shall set forth the plans by which, and specify the manner in which, the affiliating counties will complete the tasks identified in divisions (A)(1) and (2)



of this section.

(C) The department of rehabilitation and correction shall adopt rules establishing standards for approval of memorandums of understanding submitted to it under division (A) or (B) of this section. The department shall review the memorandums of understanding submitted to it and may require the county or counties that submit a memorandum to modify the memorandum. The director of rehabilitation and correction shall approve memorandums of understanding submitted to it under division (A) or (B) of this section that the director determines satisfy the standards adopted by the department within thirty days after receiving each memorandum submitted.

(D) Any person responsible for agreeing to, signing, and submitting a memorandum of understanding under division (A) or (B) of this section may delegate the person's authority to do so to an employee of the agency, entity, or office served by the person.

(E) The persons signing a memorandum of understanding under division (A) or (B) of this section, or their successors in office, may revise the memorandum as they determine necessary. Any revision of the memorandum shall be signed by the parties specified in division (A) or (B) of this section and submitted to the department of rehabilitation and correction for its approval under division (C) of this section within thirty days after the beginning of the state fiscal year.

(F)(1) In each county, the sheriff shall determine the per diem costs for local correctional facilities in the county for the housing of prisoners who serve a term in the facility pursuant to division (B)(3)(c) of section 2929.34 of the Revised Code, as follows:

(a) In calendar year 2017, not later than the date on which the appropriate representatives of the county enter into a contract with the department of rehabilitation and correction under the targeting community alternatives to prison (T-CAP) program, the sheriff shall determine the per diem costs for each of the facilities for the housing in the facility of prisoners serving a prison term for a felony in calendar year 2016. The per diem cost so determined shall apply in calendar year 2017.

(b) Commencing in calendar year 2018, on or before the first day of February of each calendar year the sheriff shall determine the per diem costs for the preceding calendar year for each of the facilities for the housing in the facility of prisoners who serve a term in it pursuant to division (B)(3)(c) of



section 2929.34 of the Revised Code. The per diem cost so determined shall apply in the calendar year in which the determination is made.

(2) For each county, the per diem cost determined under division (F)(1) of this section that applies with respect to a facility in a specified calendar year shall be the per diem rate of reimbursement in that calendar year, under the targeting community alternatives to prison (T-CAP) program, for prisoners who serve a term in the facility pursuant to division (B)(3)(c) of section 2929.34 of the Revised Code.

(3) The per diem costs of housing determined under division (F)(1) of this section for a facility shall be the actual costs of housing the specified prisoners in the facility, on a per diem basis.

(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Local correctional facility" means a facility of a type described in division (C) or (D) of section 2929.34 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Target county" and "voluntary county" have the same meanings as in section 2929.34 of the Revised Code.