

## **Special Session Crime Bill Costs Breakdown**

## **Potential Impact on Local Parishes**

Issue Area	Bills Proposal	Anticipated Price Tag to Parish
Data Collection	HB 1 requires the clerk of the court to provide immediate public access to minute entries or summaries for adult court matters and juvenile court matters involving violent offenses.	Prior fiscal notes for the pilot program in three counties identified a range of \$10,000 to \$217,000. If scaled to the whole state (64 parishes), the cost could be up to <b>\$13.8M</b> on localities.
Drug Testing	HB 3 requires anyone convicted of a controlled substance offense or a crime of violence to be tested for drugs and assessed for participation in a 12-month drug program.	Pretrial drug tests typically cost \$15 per individual <sup>1</sup> . In 2022, there were 7,655 admissions total for violent and drug offenses. If these individuals were tested, as required by the bill, this would total an additional \$114K annually, not including any costs for materials or staff.
Release Eligibility	<ul> <li>HB 9 eliminates parole eligibility for all individuals after August 1<sup>st.</sup></li> <li>HB 10 reduces the amount of time a person can earn good time credit and caps it for all individuals at 15%.</li> </ul>	In 2022, releases served an average of 41% percent of their sentence. If this was increased to 100%, eliminating parole eligibility, individuals would serve an additional 6,347 days. For counties, where 53% of individuals serve their time, that is an additional 3,363.98 days per sentence at an additional cost of \$151K per individual to localities (after accounting for state reimbursement). If those releases were to serve 85% percent of their sentence instead of 100%, that would amount to 2,497 additional days in local jails per sentence at an additional cost of \$121K per individual to localities (after accounting for state reimbursement).

<sup>1</sup> https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/176341.pdf

Community	HB 11 increases the sentence for probation and	This proposal increases jail time for
Supervision	the amount of time a person can be incarcerated for a technical violation.	revocations by 45 days. This amounts to an additional \$2K for each person violated for the localities (after accounting for state reimbursement).
Criminal Offenses	<b>HB 7</b> increases the penalties of carjacking by 5 years for injury and by 10 years for serious bodily injury.	Penalty increases of 5 years and 10 years respectively, could add an additional \$130K per individual for the localities (after accounting for state reimbursement).
	HB 8 creates a new offense of marketing fentanyl to a minor with a penalty of 25-90 years.	A new criminal offense with a minimum penalty of 25 years, could add an additional \$410 per individual for the localities (after accounting for reimbursement).
		The prospect of additional cases with new crimes will add costs to the pretrial process for all localities that is not reimbursed by the state. For example, the median number of days for a court case to complete in Caddo Parish is 222 days. The cost to house an individual at
		the local level is \$75 per day. That results in roughly \$16K per criminal case for Caddo Parish.

