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## LIDS PER DIEM RATE CHANGES

The 2010 *General Assembly* has approved changes to the per diem amounts paid to all local and regional jails for the housing of local and state responsible inmates. Local responsible per diem rates have decreased from \$8 to \$4. Currently, state responsible inmates are paid at a rate of \$8 per day up until the 91st day after their final sentencing event, and thereafter are paid an additional \$6 "bonus" payment, for a total payment of \$14 per day. The new per diem for state responsible inmates will be \$12 as of the day the offender becomes state responsible, with no bonus payment. The per diem for local responsible inmates housed in jail farms will decrease from \$22 to \$18 per day.

The Jail Contract bed (JCB) program has been discontinued. Currently jails are paid for JCB inmates as follows: \$8 SR per diem, the \$6 bonus payment, plus an additional \$14 per diem, for a total JCB per diem of \$28. With the discontinuation of the program, jails will be paid the flat \$12 per diem, as with any other state responsible inmate.

The definition of State Responsible (SR) has been changed to be inmates with sentences of 2 years or more. The impact of this change in definition for jails is that the Department of Corrections will not be responsible for taking custody of any offender with a sentence of less than 2 years. This does not change the manner in which per diems are paid for State Responsible inmates. For LIDS payment purposes a State Responsible inmate is still anyone sentenced to serve one year or more, on felony charges.

Notwithstanding any possible budget updates due to the Governor's VETO session, all legislative budget approvals will be effective July 1, 2010. However, as the July per diem payment is for the months of March through May, the changes in per diems will be reflected in LIDS beginning with the March certification.

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# LIDS CONFERENCE

The 2010 Local Inmate Data System (LIDS) conference will be held on May 20th & 21st at the Richmond Marriott-West. Registration for the conference will be available on the Compensation Board website from April 1st through April 15th. A broadcast message will be issued in LIDS once the registration has been posted. The duration of the conference will be a day and a half and will consist of several speakers, as well as one-hour breakout sessions. The breakout sessions are as follows:

Audit 101

Time Computation

Supreme Court Updates

LIDS Issues

LIDS Reconciliation

U.S. Marshals & ICE

Detainers & Interstate Compact



Please give some thought as to which breakout sessions you would like to attend, as you will be required to register for specific sessions as part of your conference registration. If you do not attend breakout sessions you will not receive credit for attending the conference. The final conference agenda will be posted with the registration.

There is no charge for LIDS Technicians and LIDS Advisory Committee Members to attend the conference, and each will be provided accommodations the night of May 20th. The LIDS Conference will satisfy the bi-annual training requirement for LIDS Technicians. However, any LIDS Technician who did not attend a LIDS training session in 2009 and does not attend the conference this year will be required to attend both a LIDS Basic Training class and a LIDS Audit Prep class during CY2010.

Whether or not LIDS backup personnel will be permitted to attend the conference has not yet been decided. Attendance of backup personnel will be determined prior to conference registration.

## Updates & Reminders

If you need a password reset and are unable to reach a Comp Board employee on their individual phone line please call the main line at (804) 786-0786 and ask for a password reset.

Due to the LIDS Conference, Basic Training for Online Jails scheduled for May has been cancelled and will instead be held on July 15th.

The LIDS Gazette will now be issued bi-monthly in the months of January, March, May, July, September, November. Any urgent updates will be issued in a special edition Gazette.