



Virginia Sheriffs' Association

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Immigration

- **Immigration is a priority for sheriffs because it is a public safety issue. Sheriffs in Virginia want to be a part of the solution. The Virginia Sheriffs' Association recognizes several areas of concern and has several recommendations:**



Jail overcrowding:

- **Current operational capacity for all 73 local and regional jails is 18,419.**
- **Inmate population as of 8-21-07 was 29,938.**
- **State out of compliance inmates in local jails are 1,766, down from 2,530 in May.**



Staffing

Current staff shortages for sheriffs based on current staffing standards, adopted by the Compensation Board, the Code of Virginia, or Appropriations Act

- A. Law enforcement 1:1,500 - \$2,221,470 (69 FTE)**
- B. Court services - \$1,780,741 (56 FTE)**
- C. Jail overcrowding - \$39,045,726 (1,221 FTE) – Language needed**



Staffing continued...

- D. Partially funded
(medical/treatment/classification) -
\$7,445,032 (356 FTE)**
- E. Admin - \$1,739,500 (77 FTE)**
- F. Dispatchers - \$728,196 (27 FTE)**



Cost Concerns

- **Current Appropriations Act language restricts sheriffs from using funding from federal inmate contracts. Funds received are turned into the Commonwealth.**
- **Per diem for the 73 local and regional jails are projected to be \$14.8 million short in current fiscal year.**



Training

- **A statewide and consistent training component should be a part of any new immigration program.**
- **Relationship between sheriffs and ICE needs to improve.**



Virginia Sheriffs' Association's Recommendations

1. Amend Title 53.1-80 to reimburse any city or county up to one-half of capital cost of a jail construction enlargement or renovation project, subject to the approval of the money committees. Cost to be determined by House Appropriation and Senate Finance Committees.



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2. Remove the Appropriations Act restrictions, which prevent sheriffs and regional jails from using federal funds pursuant to ICE contracts, for operation of the jails.



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- 3. Adopt and fund staffing standards for any new responsibilities given sheriffs for illegal aliens. The Association recommends 66 jail positions for large jails and 168 positions for small to mid-range size jails in the event 287 G-type programs are implemented statewide. Annual cost \$7.5 million.**



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4. Fund a statewide training component through the Virginia Center for Policing Innovation (VCPI) for consistent statewide delivery of immigration related training services to all jails. Annual cost \$.5 million.

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