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**LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2015**

Bill Number: S.57 Name of Bill: 32 VSA Sec. 1591 (fees paid to deputy sheriffs for transports)

Agency/ Dept: Sheriffs Author of Bill Review: Heather Campbell

Date of Bill Review: 4/1/15 Related Bills and Key Players David Cahill/Sheriffs

Status of Bill: (check one): ☒ Upon Introduction ☐ As passed by 1<sup>st</sup> body ☐ As passed by both

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**Recommended Position:**

☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☒ Remain Neutral ☐ Support with modifications identified in #8 below

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**Analysis of Bill**

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1. **Summary of bill and issue it addresses.** *The intent of this bill is to allow the reimbursement rate for transport deputies (currently set in statute at \$18/hour) to float depending on the actual cost of the deputy who conducted the transport. This would enable the sheriffs to implement a reimbursement scheme that is more closely tied to the actual cost of employment. The total reimbursement would still be dependent upon the amount appropriated to the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs (General Fund budgeted as "per diems").*
2. **Is there a need for this bill?** *This could help to better track the actual costs of prisoner transports as the \$18/hour rate is not reflective of the true cost, however, if the appropriation is not increased the total cost to the State will remain the same.*
3. **What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?** *As long as the appropriation is not increased, this will be budget neutral in FY16. However, as the costs of the transport deputies increase it may prompt the Sheriffs to seek greater reimbursement. The current reimbursement rate is already insufficient to cover the costs they incur conducting the transports.*
4. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** *The Sheriffs' budget is currently the only place where "per diems" for prisoner transports are appropriated, but the sheriffs have contracts with other state agencies such as the Judiciary and the Department of Mental Health. Those contracts are negotiated individually with each Sheriff.*
5. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** *This change should only impact the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs because that is where the funds are appropriated.*
6. **Other Stakeholders:**

6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?

6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why?

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7. **Rationale for recommendation:** *This bill is likely to change, but since currently there is no budget impact, it might be best to remain neutral.*

8. **Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill:** *N/A*

9. **Gubernatorial appointments to board or commission?**

**Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_