
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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State Cases Court Costs

Purpose

The Department of Corrections (DOC) receives a standing unlimited State General Fund appropriation for State Cases Court Costs. The appropriation pays for expenses incurred under Iowa Code section 904.507A. This includes all necessary and legal expenses incurred by an escaped offender.

Escapees

Escape from Iowa prisons is rare. The last escape from a medium or maximum security prison was July 5, 2015, at the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison. An offender escaped and was later apprehended in Illinois.

The last escape from a minimum security prison was June 27, 2016. One offender escaped the minimum security site at the Newton Correctional Facility and was apprehended a few hours later.

Expenditures

Expense claims are submitted to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and expensed against the State Cases Court Costs Account. No claims have been filed in at least 10 years. The institutions have been incurring the costs related to apprehending escaped prisoners.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [904](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [201](#)

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