

232.142 Maintenance and cost of juvenile homes — fund — appropriation.

1. County boards of supervisors which singly or in conjunction with one or more other counties provide and maintain juvenile detention and juvenile shelter care homes are subject to [this section](#).

2. For the purpose of providing and maintaining a county or multicounty home, the board of supervisors of any county may issue general county purpose bonds in accordance with [sections 331.441 through 331.449](#). Expenses for providing and maintaining a multicounty home shall be paid by the counties participating in a manner to be determined by the boards of supervisors.

3. A county or multicounty juvenile detention home approved pursuant to [this section](#) shall receive financial aid from the state in a manner approved by the director. Aid paid by the state shall be at least ten percent and not more than fifty percent of the total cost of the establishment, improvements, operation, and maintenance of the home.

4. The director shall adopt minimal rules and standards for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of such homes as shall be necessary to effect the purposes of [this chapter](#). The rules shall apply the requirements of [section 237.8](#), concerning employment and evaluation of persons with direct responsibility for a child or with access to a child when the child is alone and persons residing in a child foster care facility, to persons employed by, residing in, or volunteering for a home approved under [this section](#). The director shall, upon request, give guidance and consultation in the establishment and administration of the homes and programs for the homes.

5. The director shall approve annually all such homes established and maintained under the provisions of [this chapter](#). A home shall not be approved unless it complies with minimal rules and standards adopted by the director and has been inspected by the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing. The statewide number of beds in the homes approved by the director shall not exceed two hundred seventy-two beds beginning July 1, 2017.

6. a. A juvenile detention home fund is created in the state treasury under the authority of the department. The fund shall consist of moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to [section 602.8108](#). The moneys in the fund shall be used for the costs of the establishment, improvement, operation, and maintenance of county or multicounty juvenile detention homes in accordance with [this subsection](#).

b. (1) Moneys deposited in the juvenile detention home fund during a fiscal year are appropriated to the department for the same fiscal year for distribution of an amount equal to a percentage of the costs of the establishment, improvement, operation, and maintenance of county or multicounty juvenile detention homes in the prior fiscal year. Such percentage shall be determined by the department based on the amount available for distribution from the fund.

(2) Moneys appropriated for distribution in accordance with [this subsection](#) shall be allocated among eligible detention homes, prorated on the basis of an eligible detention home's proportion of the costs of all eligible detention homes in the prior fiscal year.

[S13, §254-a20, -a26, -a29, -a30; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3653 – 3655; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, §232.35 – 232.37; C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §232.21 – 232.26; C79, 81, S81, §232.142; [81 Acts, ch 117, §1031](#)]

[83 Acts, ch 123, §91, 209](#); [88 Acts, ch 1134, §55](#); [90 Acts, ch 1204, §47](#); [90 Acts, ch 1239, §13](#); [91 Acts, ch 138, §4](#); [92 Acts, ch 1229, §9](#); [2001 Acts, ch 191, §38](#); [2011 Acts, ch 98, §7](#); [2013 Acts, ch 138, §47](#); [2017 Acts, ch 174, §109](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1074, §50, 93](#); [2021 Acts, ch 80, §129](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1098, §67](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §626, 1932](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1157, §52](#)

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