

**Juvenile Homes, Maintenance and Costs  
Bill  
House File 2781**

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**An Act relating to allocations of moneys from the Juvenile Detention Home Fund.**

**Fiscal Services Division  
Legislative Services Agency**

**NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### JUVENILE HOMES, MAINTENANCE AND COSTS BILL

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#### BILL SUMMARY

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Distributes \$150,000 to each eligible county or multicounty juvenile detention home from the appropriation from the Juvenile Detention Home Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) pursuant to Iowa Code section [232.142](#). Appropriated moneys remaining after the distribution to each eligible detention home will be prorated and distributed on the basis of an eligible detention home's proportion of the costs of all eligible homes in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

DETAIL: Under current law, the appropriation from the Juvenile Detention Home Fund is distributed equal to a percentage of the costs associated with county and multicounty juvenile detention homes in the prior fiscal year to eligible detention homes.

**House File 2781 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.**

<b>Page #</b>	<b>Line #</b>	<b>Bill Section</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Code Section</b>
1	1	1	Amend	232.142.6.b

1 1 Section 1. Section 232.142, subsection 6, paragraph b, Code  
1 2 2026, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 b. (1) Moneys deposited in the juvenile detention home  
1 4 fund during a fiscal year are appropriated to the department  
1 5 for the same fiscal year for distribution of an amount equal to  
1 6 a percentage of the costs of the establishment, improvement,  
1 7 operation, and maintenance of county or multicounty juvenile  
1 8 detention homes in the ~~prior~~ immediately preceding fiscal year.  
1 9 Such percentage shall be determined by the department based on  
1 10 the amount available for distribution from the fund.

1 11 (2) Moneys appropriated for distribution in accordance with  
1 12 this subsection shall be allocated ~~among eligible detention~~  
1 13 ~~homes~~, as follows:

1 14 (a) One hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be distributed  
1 15 to each eligible county or multicounty juvenile detention home.

1 16 (b) Appropriated moneys remaining after the distribution  
1 17 in subparagraph division (a) shall be prorated and distributed  
1 18 on the basis of an eligible county or multicounty juvenile  
1 19 detention home's proportion of the costs of all eligible  
1 20 county or multicounty juvenile detention homes in the prior  
1 21 immediately preceding fiscal year.

CODE: Technical change.

CODE: Distributes \$150,000 to each eligible county or multicounty juvenile detention home from the appropriation from the Juvenile Detention Home Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) pursuant to Iowa Code section [232.142](#).

DETAIL: Under current law, the appropriation from the Juvenile Detention Home Fund is distributed equal to a percentage of the costs associated with county and multicounty juvenile detention homes in the prior fiscal year to eligible detention homes.

CODE: Establishes that moneys appropriated to the HHS pursuant to Iowa Code section [232.142](#) remaining after the distribution of \$150,000 to each eligible county or multicounty juvenile detention home will be prorated and distributed on the basis of an eligible home's proportion of the costs of all eligible homes in the immediately preceding fiscal year.