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Potential Impact of Iryna's Law (HB307) on MCDDCC

Board of County Commissioners

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Overview of Iryna's Law

- Stricter pretrial conditions for violent offenders.
- Introduction of a new category for violent offenses requiring GPS monitoring or house arrest.
- Elimination of cashless bail for many crimes.
- Guidelines for assessing offenders for involuntary commitment.
- Plans to resume executions after nearly 20 years.
- New mental health evaluation protocols.
- Over \$2 million allocated to hire more prosecutors in Mecklenburg County, with local officials seeking \$10–15 million.

● Detention Center Perspective

● Legislative Reaction and Collaboration

● Procedural Changes and Predictions



Current State of the Detention Center

Currently, some residents are provided stack-a-bunks when all pods are at capacity.

Overall, there has been an increase in the number of contractual obligations for MCDCC.

1560*

residents

38

pods

73

residents in
stack-a-bunks

92

vacancies (28.2%)

Potential Challenges



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Anticipated Increase in
Detention Operational Costs



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Staffing and Mental Health Concerns



Recruitment and Retention Issues



Officer Burnout and Mental Health



Alternatives for Officers, Such as Joining surrounding law enforcement agencies



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Arrest Processing

Main concerns:



Additional Responsibilities

Any law enforcement personnel, including Sheriff's Deputies making arrests, are now required to spend extra time before the magistrate.



Staffing

Given the rise in off-site deputies, an increase in staffing will be necessary.

There are approximately **31 vacancies (27.4%)** in AP. This includes only uniform staff, below rank of Sgt.



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Mental Health



Coordination with Medical Facilities

Some hospitals have been hesitant to accept detainees and prefers to avoid IVC matters, raising concerns about community hospital involvement.

Relevant Documentation

Health Assessment 1.0 Pre-screening form:

- Initial health and mental health assessment
- 1 page questionnaire

Health Assessment 2.0 Pre-screening (after court date):

- MCDCC has 14 days to complete this assessment.
- MCDCC aims to have this done within 10 days.

What's the immediate solution?

Detention Officers will work mandatory overtime.



New-hires will forgo immediate Detention Officer Certification Courses (DOCC).





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RISE Program

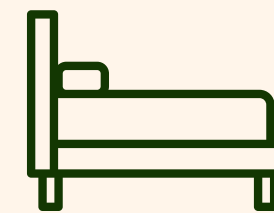
The RISE Program (Restoring Individuals Safely and Effectively) is an initiative aimed at restoring capacity within detention centers.



Services

RISE provides services for individuals unable to proceed, including:

- Assessments
- Individualized treatment planning
- Individual and group therapy
- Psychiatric and psychological services
- Medication management
- Discharge and re-entry planning



25 beds

NC RISE manages a 25-bed unit at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center designated for defendants classified as Incompetent to Proceed (ITP) by the courts.



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