



## Governor Greg Gianforte | Director Brian M. Gootkin

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Sept. 21, 2023

Members of the Law and Justice Interim Committee,

The Montana Department of Corrections respectfully submits the following information in response to requests made by members of the Law and Justice Interim Committee during its Sept. 11, 2023 meeting.

### **Cost for Probation and Parole Officer Basic Training:**

Per student = \$1,160

This amount includes room and board at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA), meals, access to the shooting range, cost of ammunition, and miscellaneous training supplies. The DOC averages about 30 P&P officers for each course which is held once a year and lasts 9.5 weeks. Overall, the department spends about \$34,800 a year on this required training.

### **Cost for Correctional/Detention Officer Basic Training:**

Per student = \$375

This amount includes room and board at MLEA and meals. The DOC receives 10 correctional officer slots at each of the two-week courses held six times a year. As such, the DOC generally sends 60 correctional officers to the training each year for a total of \$22,500.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Gootkin, Director