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reimbursement from the state?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, that would be true.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: So the division line on when they're on the state dime and the county dime is the sentencing date.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, that is true.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Stuthman, who has the responsibility to get that inmate, once Inmate Howard is sentenced...excuse me, Senator Howard, but just using you as an example. As soon as Inmate Howard is sentenced, who has the responsibility for delivering the inmate to the state penitentiary system?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: In my opinion, as when I served on the county board, it's the responsibility of the county to transfer the inmate to the state facility upon the opening of a state facility. That is the way I understand it happens.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: So if a county is efficient in terms of transportation, they could theoretically get the inmates to the state system and would help offset or mitigate some of these costs to the counties.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, that's very true. But there realistically has to be a cell open, you know, for that inmate to be placed there in the state correctional facility. And if there's no cell open and the state says, we do not have a spot for him, please keep him in your facility and we will reimburse them for whatever it is.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Stuthman, you read off a litany of counties, some of them receiving some degree or some level of reimbursement, while other counties are getting zero. Can you help shed a little bit of light on that for me, why some counties are receiving a certain level or degree of reimbursement and others are not?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. I will give you just a little bit of