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Message from District Attorney Steve Mulroy on overcrowding problem in Shelby County jails



By Steve Mulroy

August 2, 2025 - Last week, I discussed that we have a jail

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overcrowding problem at the Shelby County Jail. The Jail has 2900 people in a facility with a normal capacity of 2500. The jail population has been rising for over a year now. All agree that the situation is unacceptable. I mentioned several different causes of this problem. The first is the fact that the state prison authority takes too long to pick up inmates who have been convicted of a crime and are set to be

sent off to state prison. (Most Jail detainees are awaiting trial and haven't been convicted of anything, but there are some who have been convicted and are awaiting transfer to state prison.) I noted that I had a proposed legislative fix to this problem which I would discuss in an upcoming newsletter. Currently, the State has to reimburse the County only approximately \$40 per day per inmate for such prisoners, even though

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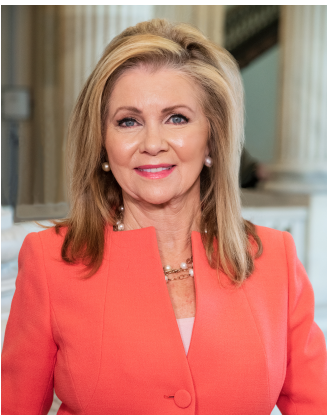
idea is to provide that once the County notifies the State that a prisoner is ready for transport, there is a deadline of ___ days (which could be worked out to be 30, 60, or 90 days) for the State to retrieve the prisoner. For every day past the deadline that the County has to house the prisoner, the State Department of Corrections (TDOC) must reimburse the County at the full rate, not the discounted rate. This will incentivize the State to expedite prisoner pickups to alleviate the Jail overcrowding problem. But it is flexible. There may be times when TDOC is unable to transfer a prisoner, perhaps because it is concerned about its own overcrowding. This proposed law would not force the TDOC's hand. Rather, it would say that after a reasonable period of time, the County is entitled to full reimbursement for housing State prisoners. This will not by itself entirely remedy the Jail's overcrowding problem. As I mentioned in last

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Sen. Blackburn celebrates Tennessee priorities in military construction-VA and Agriculture FDA bills for 2026

WASHINGTON, D.C. , August 2, 2025– U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) released the following statement after vital priorities for Tennessee were included in the Senate-passed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies (MilCon-VA) Appropriations Act and FY 2026 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. These appropriations bills must now be agreed upon in the House of Representatives.

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2026 MILCON-VA APPROPRIATIONS BILL

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- The current tower is in desperate need of modern safety standards.
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Army National Guard projects:

- Funding to support a new Milan Volunteer Training Site Air Force Reserve Range to serve units across West Tennessee.

- Planning and design for moving

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SAF, NRA, and other groups file major lawsuit challenging the National Firearms Act

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Aug. 1, 2025 — On August 1, the **Second Amendment Foundation (SAF)**, **American Suppressor Association (ASA)**, **National Rifle Association (NRA)**, **Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC)**, **Prime Protection STL Tactical Boutique**, and two members of the organizations filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the National Firearms Act of 1934 (NFA). The case, *Brown v. ATF*, was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Until President Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA), the NFA established a \$200 tax and tax-enforcement registration regime on certain classes of firearms, including suppressors, short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns, and NFA-defined “any other weapons.” With the elimination of this excise tax in the OBBA, the joint complaint alleges that the NFA registration regime is no longer justifiable as an exercise of Congress’s taxing power, nor any other Article I power.

The lawsuit also asserts that the NFA’s registration regime for suppressors and short-barreled rifles violates the Second Amendment. The Supreme Court has established that any regulation on arms-bearing conduct must be consistent with our nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation. The complaint argues that there is no tradition that supports the NFA’s registration regime for protected arms such as suppressors and short-barreled rifles.

“The National Firearms Act’s registration scheme only exists to ensure that the tax on NFA firearms was paid,” said Adam Kraut, SAF’s Executive Director. “With Congress removing the tax on silencers, short-barreled firearms, and ‘any other weapons,’



the continued inclusion of these items in the NFA serves no purpose, except continuing to retain an impermissible hurdle to the exercise of one’s constitutional right to keep and bear arms. We look forward to relegating this unconstitutional law to the history books.”

“The National Firearms Act has been a weight around the neck of law-abiding gun owners for nearly a century,” said Knox Williams, President and Executive Director American Suppressor Association. “With the elimination of the excise tax on suppressors, short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns, and AOWs through the One Big Beautiful Bill, our lawsuit challenges the NFA as an unconstitutional registry of now untaxed firearms. Common sense and the law are on our side, and we look forward to fighting on behalf of all Americans in Federal Court.”

“The National Firearms Act has infringed on law-abiding Americans’ right to keep and bear arms for nearly a century,” said John Commerford, Executive Director of the NRA Institute for Legislative Action. “Congress took a major step by eliminating the NFA tax on suppressors and short-barreled firearms through the OBBA, and we’re proud to work alongside other leading Second Amendment organizations to finish the job.”

“The National Firearms Act isn’t just unconstitutional, it’s a tyrannical abomination,” said Firearms Policy Coalition President Brandon Combs. “Not only does

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the NFA violate your Second Amendment rights, but Congress never had the lawful authority to pass it in the first place. That makes it a double abuse of power, violating both the right to keep and bear arms and the hard limits the Constitution places on the federal government. We’re proud to fight alongside our allies to end this corrupt, immoral law so peaceable Americans can exercise their rights when, where, and how they choose.”

For more information visit saf.org.

The Second Amendment Foundation (saf.org) is the nation’s oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored. Through public education initiatives, SAF teaches the importance of the Second Amendment to promote a society that values and exercises the right to keep and bear arms.

Statement by Chief Pentagon Spokesman Sean Parnell on reduction in Force and at Defense Technology Information Center

Below is a statement by Statement by Chief Pentagon Spokesman and Senior Advisor Sean Parnell on a Reduction in Force at the Defense Technology Information Center:

August 4, 2025 - The Under Secretary for Research and Engineering, has directed a personnel reduction within the Defense Technology Information Center (DTIC). This decision eliminates duplicative functions and will re-

focus DTIC to its core statutory mission of administering a library of technical information and improving the user experience. This effort will save taxpayers over \$25 million as part of the Department’s commitment to broader efficiency initiatives and to streamline operations. Forty (40) mission-essential personnel will be retained in order to fulfill DTIC’s statutory mis-

sion, all other civilians will receive a Specific Notice of reduction-in-force. The Department remains committed to continued reform and reducing bureaucracy.

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