

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jerry Madden, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2699** by Turner (Relating to the creation of special monitors for the Commission on Jail Standards.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend Chapter 511 of the Government Code to require the Commission on Jail Standards to contract with special monitors to review and monitor the conditions in a correctional facility that has failed three consecutive annual inspections. The commission would be allowed to set a reasonable monthly fee payable by the county or municipality for the special monitor. The commission would be allowed to retain up to two percent of the fee for administrative costs with the remainder used as compensation to the special monitor. This analysis assumes that any costs associated with the appointment of special monitors would be offset by fee collections from the affected counties or municipalities. The commission reports that costs for the special monitors would be determined by competitive bids. Currently, three counties have failed three or more consecutive annual inspections.

**Local Government Impact**

Costs to counties or municipalities would depend on the fees charged by the Commission for review and monitoring.

**Source Agencies:** 409 Commission on Jail Standards

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