# LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

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**TO:** Honorable Tan Parker, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2719** by Guillen (Relating to the collection of information concerning the number of inmates and prisoners who have been in the conservatorship of a state agency responsible for providing child protective services.), **As Introduced** 

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2719, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$78,660) through the biennium ending August 31, 2015.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

#### **General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds	
2014	(\$39,330)	
2015	(\$39,330)	
2016	(\$39,330)	
2017	(\$39,330)	
2018	(\$39,330)	

## All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2013
2014	(\$39,330)	1.0
2015	(\$39,330)	1.0
2016	(\$39,330)	1.0
2017	(\$39,330)	1.0
2018	(\$39,330)	1.0

# **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the collection of information concerning the number of inmates and prisoners who have been in the conservatorship of a state agency

responsible for providing child protective services, and for the statistical information to be made available to the public.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Commission Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, and the Department of Family and Protective Services have determined that the bill would not result in a significant fiscal impact to those agencies.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) has indicated the bill's provisions create an additional workload for TCJS that would require an additional full-time-equivalent position and related operating expenses that could not be absorbed by the agency's existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

#### Methodology

Under the provisions of the bill, TCJS estimates the additional mandated workload would create the need for an additional Program Specialist I at \$38,000 per fiscal year plus \$1,330 annually for computer lease expenses and supplies. The total additional costs to the TCJS would be \$39,330 per fiscal year.

## **Technology**

TCJS estimates computer lease expenses to be \$1,080 annually.

### **Local Government Impact**

There would be some additional workload to counties; however, any fiscal impact is not anticipated to be significant.

**Source Agencies:** 407 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education,

409 Commission on Jail Standards, 530 Family and Protective Services,

Department of, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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