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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2375 |
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| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Currently, the maximum amount that may be spent from county funds on the meals provided for jurors in certain civil cases is $3 per juror. Jury service is not voluntary and jurors should be able to have a quality meal while carrying out their civic duty. H.B. 2375 seeks to remedy this issue by eliminating the $3 cap on the price of meals and authorizing a judge instead to spend an amount they consider reasonable on meals for jurors. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 2375 amends the Government Code to remove the $3 per meal cap on the amount of money that may be spent out of applicable county funds on meals for jurors in a civil case in certain district courts. The bill authorizes the judge instead to spend a reasonable amount per meal, as determined by the judge. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2021. |