

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 25, 2009
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 441
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BILL SUMMARY: Corrections: Corrections Standards Authority

This bill would abolish the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), effective July 1, 2010, and establish the Board of Community Corrections (BCC), independent of the CDCR as of July 1, 2010, as specified. This bill also reestablishes the Commission on Correctional Peace Officers Standards and Training (CPOST) within CDCR.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The CSA indicates that this bill could cost the state between \$300,000 and \$500,000 General Fund to provide accounting, personnel, budget, contract, legal, and other administrative resources for the BCC, which are currently provided by CDCR. The CSA also indicates that the reestablishment of the CPOST could cost the state between \$300,000 and \$1 million General Fund for an Executive Director, clerical support, travel, and per diem. The budget for CPOST was reduced by \$1 million General Fund, prior to being transferred to the CSA on July 1, 2005. Therefore, these additional costs cannot be absorbed within the existing support allotment for the CSA.

This bill could reduce CDCR's administrative costs, but any savings would be minimal. Because this bill would create a new state department and a new commission, the net cost to the General Fund would be greater than any savings achieved within CDCR.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the April 2, 2009 version include significant amendments which do not change our position. Specifically, this bill has been amended to:

- Abolish the CSA and establish the BCC, which is to be independent of the CDCR, on July 1, 2010. This bill would transfer duties currently performed by the CSA to the BCC.
Reestablish the CPOST within the CDCR, which was abolished on July 1, 2005. The CSA currently performs duties previously handled by CPOST, including developing, approving, and monitoring standards for the selection and training of state correctional peace officer apprentices.
Remove the requirement that CSA complete a study of the methods to improve coordination and effectiveness between state parole and local law enforcement, and to report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on or before July 1, 2010.
Remove the requirement that CSA conduct an evaluation and report on the effect of concurrent parole and probation sentences on state and local government, as specified.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it would result in additional General Fund costs and would unnecessarily duplicate administrative functions as well as increase the size of state government.

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COMMENTS (continued)

Current law provides that it is the duty of the CSA, established within the CDCR, to make a study of the entire subject of crime, with particular reference to conditions in the State of California, as specified, and to report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature at such times as they may require.

This bill would abolish the CSA and transfer duties to the newly established BCC, which is to be independent of the CDCR, on July 1, 2010. This bill would also reestablish the CPOST within the CDCR, which was abolished on July 1, 2005. The CSA currently performs duties previously handled by CPOST, including developing, approving, and monitoring standards for the selection and training of state correctional peace officer apprentices.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code	
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012		
	RV	98	FC							
5225/Corr & Rehab	SO	No			--	C	\$300 - 1,000	C	\$300 - 1,000	0001
8990/Pend New Org	SO	No			--	C	\$300 - 500	C	\$300 - 500	0001