

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 854
Version:	Committee Substitute
Request Number:	7339
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Impact:	State Budget Impact = \$0

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 854 requires a jail administrator to administer medications according to certain provisions including providing prescriptions as directed by a physician or designated medical authority, observing a prisoner to ensure the medication is taken, and having an awareness of the impact of opiate or methadone withdrawal symptoms. The measure prohibits prescriptions and over-the-counter medications from being kept in a prisoner's cell with certain exceptions. It also prohibits the administration of over-the-counter medications without a physician's approval unless using prepackaged medications. The measure requires that medical reception information be recorded on a printed screening form to include certain information about a prisoner's health.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 854 provides certain procedures and requirements for jail facilities related to medicines. The requirements do not apply to the Department of Corrections; therefore, the measure has no direct fiscal impact on the State Budget or Appropriations.

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Other Considerations

SB 854 imposes additional requirements on jails, which may result in increased costs for counties.