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TO: Honorable Allan Ritter, Chair, House Committee on Pensions & Investments

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB464 by Hopson (Relating to the hazardous duty performed by certain custodial officers of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code by entitling certain employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) who are employed as custodial officers to include service before July 1, 1988 as creditable custodial officer service for the Employee Retirement System (ERS) and the Law Enforcement and Custodial Officers Supplemental Retirement Fund. In order to include this service as custodial officer service, the employees must have served in a hazardous duty position as an employee of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation at the maximum-security unit of Rusk State Hospital and received a step increase in pay for that period of service before July 1, 1988.

The ERS actuary for pension matters certifies that the bill would have no significant fiscal impact on the employee retirement system or the Law Enforcement and Custodial Officers Supplemental Retirement Fund.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 327 Employees Retirement System, 655 Department Of Mental Health And Mental Retardation, 696 Department Of Criminal Justice

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