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TO: Honorable Glenn Lewis, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1087 by Olivo (Relating to longevity pay for county jailers employed by certain sheriff's departments.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to authorize a county with a population of 150,000 or more to pay each county jailer in the sheriff's department longevity pay in an amount not less than \$5 a month for each year of service in the department, up to and including 25 years, in addition to regular compensation. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

There are 23 counties that have a population of over 150,000. The counties of Harris, Bexar, Denton, Fort Bend, and McLennan already pay \$5 a month per year of service longevity pay to the county jailers and would therefore experience no fiscal impact from implementation of the provisions of the bill.

Dallas, Travis, and Brazos counties, however, do not currently provide longevity pay to the county jailers. For Dallas County, with 865 jailers, there would be a cost incurred of \$674,700 the first year of implementation. Travis County would experience a cost increase of \$18,700 the first year of implementation for its 182 jailers. Brazos County estimates a cost increase the first year of \$9,000.

There would be no fiscal impact for counties that already pay \$5 per month for each year of service to the county jailers. If a county chooses to pay jailers longevity pay, there would be a negative fiscal impact to the counties in the population bracket that do not currently pay county jailers longevity pay or pay it at a rate lower than \$5 per month for each year of service.

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