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TO: Honorable Ray Allen, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1670 by Allen (Relating to medically recommended intensive supervision of certain inmates 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 designating a parole panel composed of the presiding officer of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and two members appointed to the panel by the presiding officer to make determinations regarding the release of an inmate on medically recommended intensive supervision. The bill would also specify eligibility conditions for medically recommended intensive supervision. According to the Texas Council on Offenders with Mental Impairments (TCOMI), in fiscal year 2002, 518 inmates were referred to parole panels for release to medically recommended intensive supervision. Of the inmates referred in fiscal year 2002 to parole panels, 97 were approved. Potential savings to the State from the bill would depend on the future number of inmates eligible for medically recommended intensive supervision and the rate of approval by the parole panel designated by the presiding officer.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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