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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB129 by Berman (Relating to the authority to require a convicted person to perform manual labor for a nonprofit organization or a cemetery maintained by the county.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add to the types of manual labor assignments that can be given to a person convicted of certain crimes an assignment to perform work for a nonprofit organization that provides services to the community. The bill also would authorize a commissioners court to permit a county to use public funds, county employees, county inmate labor, and county equipment to open and close graves in a cemetery that has a grave marker more than 50 years old. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005 and would apply to a person convicted of an offense to which manual labor may be required regardless of when the conviction occurred.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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