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TO: Honorable Ray Allen, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

IN RE: HB549 by Phillips (Relating to prohibiting the introduction of certain items in certain local jails.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>

The bill would prohibit providing a cellular telephone or money to a person confined in a local jail regulated by the Commission on Jail Standards. The bill would also prohibit providing cigarettes or tobacco products to a person confined in a local jail that is regulated by the Commission on Jail Standards and that has an ordinance or order in place that prohibits those items. Providing any of the listed contraband would be a third degree felony offense. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives the required two-thirds vote in both houses; otherwise, it would take effect on September 1, 2005.

The fiscal impact would depend on the number of persons caught and convicted of the offense. The number of court proceedings and incarceration rates as a result of the provisions of the bill are not expected to be impacted significantly.

Local Government Impact

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

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