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TO: Honorable Jerry Madden, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

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

IN RE: HB1635 by Allen, Ray (Relating to a residential infant care program for mothers confined in Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1635, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$1,731,196) through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	(\$865,598)
2007	(\$865,598)
2008	(\$865,598)
2009	(\$865,598)
2010	(\$865,598)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2006	(\$865,598)
2007	(\$865,598)
2008	(\$865,598)
2009	(\$865,598)
2010	(\$865,598)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to establish a residential infant care and parenting program for mothers confined by the department. The infant care and parenting program would be modeled after the program operated by the Texas Youth Commission (TYC). The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Methodology

The infant care and parenting program would be modeled after TYC's Women In Need of Greater Strengths (WINGS) program which is designed to accommodate up to 18 mothers and their babies and allow the new mothers to keep their babies for 3 months.

TYC's contract rate of \$171.75 per day per offender for the WINGS program includes the cost of day care, food, education and contract-employee salaries. The current cost per day of TDCJ confinement is \$40. The estimated cost per year to implement the program at TDCJ would be \$865,598 (18 participants X (\$171.75 minus \$40/day) X 365 = \$865,598).

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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