

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 31, 2005**

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

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

**IN RE: HB2838** by Allen, Ray (Relating to the creation of a prison diversion pilot program.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to create the Prison Diversion Pilot Program. The pilot program would require the Community Justice Assistance Division (CJAD) of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide grants to community supervision and corrections departments giving preference to departments based on specified criteria. The bill would take effect immediately if receiving a vote of two-thirds of all members in each house, or September 1, 2005.

This cost estimate assumes that CJAD would establish the pilot program from current appropriations for grants to local community supervision and corrections departments. No significant fiscal impact to the State is anticipated unless the Legislature elects to increase appropriations for the pilot program.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Some local community supervision and corrections departments may receive more or less through grant programs compared to current awards.

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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