

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: HB2839** by Allen, Ray (Relating to the participation of state inmates in the production of certain goods and the provision of certain services.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Government Code to allow the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to contract with a private or independent institution of higher education to sell prison-made products. The bill would also require contracts made between prisons and private industries to be certified by the Private Sector Prison Industries Oversight Authority as complying with applicable rules, and require that such jobs not cause the loss of existing jobs of a specific type provided by the contracting party. The bill would take effect immediately if receiving a vote of two-thirds of each chamber, or September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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

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