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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 and county inmates in the production of certain goods and the provision of certain services.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow county jail inmate labor programs to work on behalf of nonprofit organizations. The bill would also amend the Government Code to allow the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to contract with private or independent institutions of higher education for sale of prison-made articles or products, and make changes to the applicability of the Government Code to certain prison industry programs not requiring certification under the federal Private Sector/Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program. The bill would take effect immediately if receiving a vote of two-thirds of all members of each house, or September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

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

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