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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

IN RE: HB44 by Hodge (Relating to the restoration of good conduct time forfeited during a term of imprisonment.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code by granting the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) permission to restore good conduct time forfeited by an offender as a result of committing an offense or violating a rule of TDCJ. If TDCJ utilizes the option to restore good conduct time, the bill would result in cost savings due to the earlier release of inmates for whom good conduct time is restored.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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