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

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

IN RE: HB428 by Madden (Relating to the authority of the inspector general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to issue administrative subpoenas for certain communication records.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code by adding Section 493.0191 that would authorize the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) inspector general to issue administrative subpoenas for business records that disclose information about a communications common carrier's or electronics service's customers, or uses of the services offered by the carrier or service, and are material to a criminal investigation of a potential escape, violations involving prohibited substances and items within a TDCJ facility, or other offense involving inmates or the operations of the department.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has determined that the costs associated with implementing the bill are not anticipated to be significant and would be absorbed with current resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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