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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: SB453 by Ellis (Relating to the testing of certain inmates for HIV or AIDS.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code by requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to maintain confidentiality of inmate test results indicating HIV infection at all times, including following the inmate's discharge from a state jail, or release on parole or mandatory supervision. The bill also requires TDCJ to test an inmate during the diagnostic process, if the inmate does not have a record of a positive test result. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has determined that the cost of implementing the bill would not be significant.

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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