

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: SB839** by Duncan (Relating to the exchange of information among agencies related to the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments and the agencies responsible for continuity of care for offenders in the criminal justice system who are physically disabled, terminally ill, or significantly ill.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Section 6.14, Health and Safety Code to update name changes of certain state agencies discussed within the code. The bill would add the Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of Information Resources to the list of agencies who may accept and disclose information relating to a special needs offender. The bill would require that information shared under this section be considered confidential, and makes the release of such information to an unauthorized source a Class B misdemeanor. The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of, 538 Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Department of, 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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