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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: HB94 by Hodge (Relating to the application of laws awarding credit to an inmate for time between release on and subsequent revocation of parole, mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon.), **As Engrossed**

The bill would produce savings, but the amount of savings cannot be determined and would depend on the specific circumstances of each individual revoked from parole, mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon.

The bill would retroactively apply changes made to Section 508.283, Government Code, by the 77th Legislature related to awarding credit to an inmate for time between release and the subsequent revocation of parole, mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon. The bill would require a review of all parole, mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon revocation cases that occurred prior to September 1, 2001 to determine whether an individual revoked would be eligible to receive credit for a portion of the time served on parole prior to revocation.

The fiscal impact of the bill cannot be determined because the number of individuals that would be credited additional time by the bill and the amount of time that would be credited is not known. TDCJ would need to hire several additional employees to perform the work required by the bill; however, the necessary additional employees resulting from the passage of the bill could be absorbed with current TDCJ resources.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2010.

Local Government Impact

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

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