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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

IN RE: HB3903 by Ortiz, Jr. (Relating to county contracts with private entities for jail facilities; providing a penalty.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code by specifying the conditions for which a commissioners court may enter into contracts with private entities for jail facilities. The bill would create the offense of "personal benefit prohibited," which would be punishable as a state jail felony. The bill would also specify as subject to open records information collected, assembled, or maintained by a private entity that is not a governmental body in connection with the operation, maintenance, repair, or construction of a detention facility or related facility operated under contract.

It is assumed that the number of persons convicted of the offense of "personal benefit prohibited" would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of state corrections agencies. It is assumed that the bill would not significantly affect the operations of state or local government.

Local Government Impact

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

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