

**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: SB1847** by Hegar (Relating to the provision of services to a wrongfully imprisoned person who is discharged from a correctional facility.), **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 provide reentry and reintegration services for a wrongfully imprisoned person. The bill would include a person who has served wholly or partly a sentence in a facility operated by or under contract with TDCJ and has received a pardon for innocence for the crime for which the person was sentenced or otherwise been granted relief because of being innocent of the crime. The bill would allow for the executive director of TDCJ to adopt rules as necessary to implement provisions of the bill, as well as to direct the director of the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments to take necessary steps to implement the bill.

**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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