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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: SB2304 by Williams (Relating to the amount of hazardous duty pay for certain employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB2304, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$3,474,624) through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	(\$1,737,312)
2011	(\$1,737,312)
2012	(\$1,737,312)
2013	(\$1,737,312)
2014	(\$1,737,312)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1
2010	(\$1,737,312)
2011	(\$1,737,312)
2012	(\$1,737,312)
2013	(\$1,737,312)
2014	(\$1,737,312)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to increase hazardous duty pay from \$10 to \$12 for non-correctional employees. The bill would remove the \$300 maximum amount of hazardous duty pay for full-time state employees. Costs associated for the increase in hazardous duty pay are estimated to be \$1.7 million annually. The bill adds that the provisions of the bill are not mandatory if the Legislature does not appropriate funds to implement the bill.

Methodology

The calculation is based on approximately 7,115 non-correctional employees who currently receive hazardous duty pay. It is assumed the proposal is intended to include 132 non-correctional employees with the Board of Pardons and Paroles. The fiscal impact would be an additional \$42,840 annually, based on the 132 Board of Pardons and Paroles non-correctional employees.

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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