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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: HB1566 by Coleman (Relating to the authority of counties to appoint, contract for, or employ physicians, dentists, or other health care providers for county jails.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to allow a commissioners court of a county to appoint, contract for, or employ licensed physicians, dentists, or other health care providers to provide health care services to inmates in the custody of the sheriff.

Local Government Impact

There could be a fiscal impact to a county that chose to employ licensed health care providers; however, it is assumed that a county would take these actions only if sufficient resources were available. No significant fiscal implication is anticipated.

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