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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: HB1908 by Madden (Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain providers of correctional health care.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend statute to allow physicians who provide health care services to persons committed to a secure correctional facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Youth Commission or persons confined in a secure correctional facility operated by or under contract with any division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to be eligible for the physician loan repayment program.

Under provisions of the bill, the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, comprised of members of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas Tech Health Science Center and members appointed by the Governor could create a new student loan repayment assistance program for medical and mental health care physicians and other staff providing correctional managed health care. The Committee could adopt rules governing the new program. Since the bill indicates that the program would be supported from funds appropriated for purposes of correctional managed health care, any costs associated with the new program would be come from those funds and there would not be a significant cost to the state.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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