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TO: Honorable Jerry Madden, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

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

IN RE: HB2143 by Turner (Relating to the conditions of community service of certain offenders and the reentry and reintegration of offenders released or discharged from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Section 1 of the bill would amend Section 42.12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to require a judge who places an offender on community supervision to require the offender to provide a copy of a valid driver's license or identification card of this state, another state, or the federal government within thirty days of the placement on community supervision.

Sections 2 through 6 would reenact Government Code, Sections 495.028, 501.091, 501.092, 501.098, and 501.100 as the sections were originally added by Chapter 643 (House Bill 1711), Eighty-first Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, which stated that the Act only took effect if a specific appropriation for the implementation of the Act was provided in the General Appropriations Act of the Eighty-first Legislature. The reenactments would require the Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to develop a comprehensive plan to reduce recidivism and ensure successful reentry and reintegration through assessment, programs, and information sharing; would define correctional facility and offender as they relate to the reenactments; and would permit TDCJ to contract with government entities or vendors to implement the comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan. Sections 5 and 6 would amend reenacted Sections 501.098 and 501.100 to require TDCJ to coordinate a task force with other state and local entities and to research and report to the Legislature whether the comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan reduces recidivism.

Section 7 would repeal Government Code, Section 501.099, regarding family unity and participation. Section 9 would require TDCJ to establish the reentry task force and implement the comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan by January 1, 2012. The remainder of the bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Board of Pardons and Paroles have determined that the cost of implementing the provisions of this bill would not be significant. It is assumed that the Department of Public Safety would be able to fulfill the requirements of the bill with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 697 Board of Pardons and Paroles

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