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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: HB3459** by Eiland (Relating to the containment of costs incurred in the correctional health care system.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would implement recommendations in the Legislative Budget Board's Government Effectiveness and Efficiency Report entitled "Eliminate Statutory Barriers to Contain Costs in Correctional Managed Health Care," submitted to the Eighty-second Legislature, 2011. The bill would reduce costs in the Correctional Managed Health Care program by creating operational efficiencies for the program's health care providers, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), or their successors.

The bill would require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), UTMB, and TTUHSC to develop and implement a training program for corrections medication aides similar to the one currently offered by the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) which certifies medication aides who work in nursing homes. The bill provides for the content of the curriculum. The bill would require the executive commission of the Health and Human Services Commission to approve the training program and establish licensing practices for corrections medication aides who would be licensed by DADS.

The bill would provide an exemption from end stage renal disease licensing requirements for hospitals operated on behalf of the state that provide dialysis to individuals receiving services in the correctional managed health care program.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

This analysis assumes that any cost associated with implementing the bill's provisions could be met using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 739 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

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