

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: SB955** by Gallegos (Relating to the authority of counties to appoint, contract for, or employ physicians, dentists, or other health care providers for county jails.), **As Introduced**

**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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