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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: SB1055 by Carona (Relating to reports concerning and the reporting of the use of certain funds by community supervision and corrections departments and to the preparation of commitment reduction plans by those departments.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time
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The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Board of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to consider various reports before approving the Department of Criminal Justice Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR). The reports would be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) with the LAR. The bill would require the Community Justice Assistance Division (CJAD) of TDCJ to prepare a report that contains a summary of the programs and services included in each Community Justice Plan submitted by community supervision and corrections departments (CSCDs) which would also be submitted to the LBB with TDCJ's LAR. The bill would permit CSCDs to submit a commitment reduction plan which would include a target for the number of offenders the department estimates it will commit to TDCJ in each fiscal year. If CJAD determines that a CSCD's target could create a savings to the State, CJAD may award the CSCD a one-time lump sum equal to 35 percent of the savings and may also provide incentive payments for a certain achievements.

According to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the fiscal impact of the bill cannot be determined because the number of CSCDs that would submit a commitment reduction plan cannot be determined, and the amount of savings that would potentially be gained from the actions of the bill cannot be estimated.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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