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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

IN RE: SB1686 by Ellis (Relating to group health benefits coverage for persons wrongfully imprisoned.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to require that group health insurance be provided to certain wrongfully imprisoned persons that are entitled to receive compensation under Subsection (a) from the Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) as if the person were a TDCJ employee. The claimant would be eligible to receive coverage for a period of time equal to the period of time the claimant served for the crime for which the claimant was wrongfully imprisoned and the claimant's dependents or family members would not be eligible for coverage. The bill would amend the Insurance Code, to correspond with the revision to the Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

The bill would become effective September 1, 2011. No significant fiscal impact to the State is anticipated as a result of the bill.

Local Government Impact

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

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