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TO: Honorable Tryon D. Lewis, Chair, House Committee On Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB62 by Guillen (Relating to a justice or judge having a substantial interest in a business entity that owns, manages, or operates a private correctional or rehabilitation facility.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code relating to a justice or judge having a substantial interest in a business entity that owns, manages, or operates a private correctional or rehabilitation facility. The bill prohibits a justice or judge in state or county courts, but not municipal or justice courts, from having a substantial interest in a business entity that owns, manages or operates facilities which provide services to a person convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or delinquent conduct. Judges who violate the provisions of the bill would be removed from office. Removal of judges is done primarily through the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, and removal of a judge for this or other reasons is rare. No significant fiscal impact to the state is anticipated.

The bill would take effect January 1, 2014.

Local Government Impact

While removal of a county judge by civil or criminal trial may impact local government resources, judicial removal for this or any other reason would be rare, so no significant fiscal impact to local government is anticipated.

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