

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB634** by Farias (Relating to the verification of an inmate's veteran status by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to investigate and verify the veteran status of inmates who are veterans in applying for federal benefits for which the inmates may be eligible under a program administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Under the provisions of the bill, TDCJ would use data from the United States Department of Health and Human Services which would require the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to make some one-time automation development modifications to implement the bill's provisions. The Legislative Budget Board staff assumes the one-time automation development costs incurred by HHSC can be absorbed within existing agency resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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