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TO: Honorable Tan Parker, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1543** by Allen (relating to the eligibility for reappointment of the independent ombudsman of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and the authority of the independent ombudsman in regard to juveniles in custody in certain facilities other than the department's facilities.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 261 of the Human Resources Code to allow the Office of the Independent Ombudsman of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (JJJ) to communicate with a juvenile offender residing at certain facilities other than a facility operated by JJJ. It is assumed that implementing the provisions of the bill can be absorbed within the existing resources of the agency. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 409 Commission on Jail Standards, 644 Texas Juvenile Justice Department, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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