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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2679 by Guillen (Relating to permitting an alternative plea for a defendant detained in jail pending trial for a Class C misdemeanor.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would allow individuals to choose to resolve their case through a plea while detained in jail. No significant fiscal impact to the court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Local governments would see savings as a result of detainees being held in jail for less time and from having cases resolved quicker; these savings would vary depending on the number of applicable cases and number of defendants who choose to issue a plea while detained in jail.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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