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TO: Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3336 by Hughes (Relating to a judge's findings when sentencing persons convicted of certain drug possession offenses to a term of confinement.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require a judge sentencing certain defendants to confinement to place a written rationale for the sentence in case records. The bill would also amend the Government Code to require the Office of Court Administration (OCA) to annually collect and electronically publish certain information based on these written rationales.

OCA does not anticipate any significant fiscal impact to OCA or the court system resulting from the bill. The change in law would apply only to a person convicted of certain offenses on or after the bill's effective date. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

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

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

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