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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB634** by Metcalf (Relating to the rights of a guardian of a person in the criminal justice system.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure and Government Code as it relates to certain rights of a guardian of a person in the criminal justice system. The bill's provisions would require the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) and Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to establish reasonable rules, procedures, and policies, as described in the bill, regarding visitation of a prisoner at a county jail or TDCJ correctional institution by a guardian. TDCJ and TCJS anticipate any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within existing resources. The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

Local Government Impact

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

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

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