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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1083** by Márquez (Relating to a mental health assessment of certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to perform a mental health assessment of an inmate before TDCJ may confine the inmate in administrative segregation. TDCJ would not be allowed to confine an inmate in administrative segregation if the assessment indicates that type of confinement is not appropriate as described by the bill. TDCJ indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources. The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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