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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1914 by Bonnen, Dennis (Relating to the frequency with which the Board of Pardons and Paroles considers the eligibility of certain inmates for release on parole.), As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to parole reconsideration for inmates convicted of aggravated sexual assault and capital felonies in which the sentence was imposed was life imprisonment. Under the provisions of the bill, the Board of Pardons and Paroles (BPP) could delay reconsidering the release of these offenders to parole for up to ten years after the date of the previous denial. Under current law the BPP can delay reconsidering an offender's release for up to five years after the date of their previous denial.

This analysis assumes implementing the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 697 Board of Pardons and Paroles

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