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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB380 by Rodríguez (relating to procedures for certain persons charged with a violation of a condition of release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on parole or to mandatory supervision.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to permit the Board of Pardons and Paroles to issue a summons requiring an individual to appear for a hearing instead of a warrant for an individual charged with committing an administrative violation of release after the first anniversary of initial parole or mandatory supervision or certain other offenses. Under the provisions of the bill, after the a determination is made, a warrant may be issued requiring the release to be held in county jail pending transfer to a sanction facility or the institution from which the individual was released.

Local Government Impact

There would be cost savings to counties due to reduced jail populations. The savings to a county would depend on the number of individuals given a summons under the provisions of the bill.

Harris County reported an estimate of 60 inmates of the county jail population would qualify for a summons under the bill. The county estimated a savings of \$1.62 million in fiscal year 2016.

According to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, the average cost for an inmate in a county jail is \$60.01 per day.

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

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