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TO: Honorable James White, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB618 by Leach (relating to certain notices and information about certain releasees from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice that are provided to or made accessible to criminal justice agencies and to notification of an executive clemency recommendation by the Board of Pardons and Paroles.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to certain notices and information about certain offenders released from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and notices of executive clemency recommendations from the Board of Pardons and Paroles (BPP). The bill would require BPP to notify certain officials upon the Board's recommendation of executive clemency. The bill also would require TDCJ to establish and maintain a database to provide criminal justice agencies with information about certain TDCJ releases and to provide notice to certain entities of certain warrants issued. The Office of Court Administration, TDCJ, and BPP indicate any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within existing resources. The bill would take effect September 1, 2017 and would require TDCJ to establish the database by January 1, 2018. The provisions of the bill would apply to BPP decisions made on or after January 1, 2018.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 300 Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 697 Board of Pardons and Paroles

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