

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 15, 2017**

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

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB821** by Shaheen (Relating to the solicitation of pen pals by certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.), **As Introduced**

**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 adopt a policy to prohibit certain offenders from soliciting pen pals. According to TDCJ, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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