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TO: Honorable Dan Flynn, Chair, House Committee on Pensions

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2289 by Rinaldi (Relating to the eligibility for service retirement annuities from the Employees Retirement System of Texas or the Teacher Retirement System of Texas of certain employees convicted of certain offenses.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Government Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure to prevent certain members of the Employees Retirement System and Teacher Retirement System from receiving retirement annuities if convicted of certain offenses. This would apply to employees who work at the Juvenile Justice Department's institutional schools and members of the Teacher Retirement System who have regular, direct contact with students, as defined by the respective retirement system's board of trustees. The bill provides a list of felony convictions which would preclude a member from receiving annuities when the conviction arises from the member's employment. The bill would require the retirement systems to resume annuity payments if the member is subsequently found not guilty of the qualifying felony.

The Employees Retirement System, the Teacher Retirement System, the Juvenile Justice Department, and the Office of Court Administration indicate that there is no significant impact to the respective agencies.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 323 Teacher Retirement System, 327 Employees Retirement System, 644 Juvenile Justice Department

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