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TO: Honorable Joe Moody, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2911 by Lucio III (Relating to a reemployment program as a condition of community supervision for certain veterans who commit a misdemeanor offense; authorizing a fee.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Labor Code, the Government Code, and the Code of Criminal Procedure to establish a re-employment program for certain veterans charged with a misdemeanor offense that would be developed and implemented by the Texas Workforce Commission. The bill would require the presiding judge to inform eligible defendants of the program, but would prohibit the judge from requiring participation. The bill would establish a standard for successful completion of the program and would outline procedures in the event of a failure to complete the program. The bill would authorize a fee assessment for participation, but would also allow for a reduction or waiver of fees in cases of indigency. Based on the analysis of the Texas Workforce Commission, the Office of Court Administration, the Comptroller, and the Department of Criminal Justice, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, Local Workforce Development Boards would provide education and training services to participants referred by the court for this program. These participants can be served through existing workforce development and job placement activities. Any operational impact would be absorbed using existing resources.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304
Comptroller of Public Accounts, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 696
Department of Criminal Justice

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