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

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Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB936 by Canales (Relating to the temperature at which a facility operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is maintained.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB936, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$1,210,000,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2020	(\$570,000,000)
2021	(\$640,000,000)
2022	(\$140,000,000)
2023	(\$140,000,000)
2024	(\$140,000,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2020	(\$570,000,000)
2021	(\$640,000,000)
2022	(\$140,000,000)
2023	(\$140,000,000)
2024	(\$140,000,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to maintain the temperature at each of its facilities within a specified range. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house. If not, the bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Methodology

TDCJ estimates \$1.0 billion in initial air conditioning construction costs to comply with the provisions of the bill. Additionally, TDCJ estimates an annual cost \$140.0 million for utilities and maintenance across all facilities when fully constructed. In fiscal year 2018, the agency operated 104 correctional facilities across the state. According to TDCJ, the fiscal estimate is based on the following assumptions: the provisions of the bill would only apply to offender housing areas; a fiscal estimate for each facility would require an engineering assessment; there are a sufficient number of vendors necessary to complete the construction projects; and the electrical grid and unit infrastructure are sufficient to support the increased energy demand.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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