

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1279** by Allen (Relating to jury instructions regarding parole eligibility.), As  
Engrossed

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedures to remove jury instruction, for certain felony cases, indicating a defendant can be rewarded for good conduct with reduced incarceration time and for the jury to consider good conduct time in assessing punishment. In other felony cases, the bill would add to jury instruction language that a defendants' incarceration time may be reduced by the award of parole.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state is anticipated.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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