

**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: HB1651** by González, Mary (relating to the care of pregnant women confined in county jail.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to pregnant offenders in county jails. According to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, any additional work resulting from the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing recourses. The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal impact on Harris County Sheriff's Office is anticipated.

According to the Texas Sheriffs' Association, no fiscal impact on counties that already transport pregnant inmates to and from medical visits is anticipated. However, the Sheriffs' Association anticipates significant fiscal impact on jails in smaller counties due to their limited resources, but in an amount that cannot be determined.

**Source Agencies:** 409 Commission on Jail Standards

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