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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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IN RE: **HB1889** by Israel (Relating to reporting concerning certain prisoners who are confined in county jails.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1889, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$122,546) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2020	(\$64,301)
2021	(\$58,245)
2022	(\$58,445)
2023	(\$58,650)
2024	(\$58,860)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2019
2020	(\$64,301)	1.0
2021	(\$58,245)	1.0
2022	(\$58,445)	1.0
2023	(\$58,650)	1.0
2024	(\$58,860)	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to reporting requirements for certain offenders in county jails. The bill would require counties to report information related to certain

offenders categorized by sex, race, ethnicity, and age. The Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) reports that the agency would require 1.0 FTE (Program Specialist I) in order to comply with the provisions of the bill. This analysis assumes the fiscal impact of 1.0 FTE would be \$64,301, which includes salary, benefits, consumables, and office space and furniture in fiscal year 2020. The fiscal impact in fiscal year 2021 would be \$58,245.

Methodology

According to TCJS, the county jail reports take approximately five days to produce, as staff must manually collect, reconcile, and enter each data point. The provisions of the bill that would require counties to report additional data would increase the number of data points to be reconciled and entered by TCJS staff.

Local Government Impact

There may be a fiscal impact to local governments in order to comply with the provisions of the bill; however, the fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 409 Commission on Jail Standards

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