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

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IN RE: HB2580 by Wu (Relating to access to telephone services for persons confined in county jails.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to require the sheriff of each county jail to adopt a policy governing access to telephone services by inmates and specifies certain requirements for free domestic telephone calls that must be included in that policy.

According to the Commission on Jail Standards, no fiscal implication to the state is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

According to Harris County, the cost of the bill is estimated to be between \$1.5 million to \$2.0 million per year.

According to Galveston County, revenue in fiscal year 2018 from inmate telephone calls was \$611,298, which was a significant source of revenue for the county jail.

Source Agencies: 409 Commission on Jail Standards

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