

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**May 23, 2019**

**TO:** Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

**IN RE: HB3227** by Howard (Relating to the availability of and access to certain programs and services for persons in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to direct the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to increase the availability of certain peer support services to offenders incarcerated in TDCJ facilities. The bill would also amend the Government Code as it relates to an incarcerated person's access to certain programs. According to TDCJ, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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