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TO: Honorable Andrew S. Murr, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1921 by White (Relating to the modernization of correctional facilities operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.), As Introduced

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time as potential changes identified to modernize correctional facilities are unknown.

The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to the modernization of Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) correctional facilities and establish the Texas Prison Repurposing Commission. The bill would allow TDCJ to enter a contract with a private vendor for the construction and lease of a facility. The bill would also require TDCJ to conduct a study to identify ways to modernize its correctional facilities and implement changes by January 1, 2022.

It is assumed that the costs associated with the bill's provisions relating to the Texas Prison Repurposing Commission could be absorbed using existing resources. The fiscal impact to TDCJ cannot be determined because the changes to modernize TDCJ's facilities have not been identified.

This analysis assumes implementing the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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