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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2385 by Sherman, Sr. (Relating to testing discharged or released inmates for communicable diseases and any life-threatening diseases or conditions.), **As Introduced**

<p>The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time as it is dependent on the number of inmates released and the cost of tests for certain diseases and conditions.</p>
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The bill would require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to test released or discharged inmates for communicable diseases and life-threatening diseases and conditions. The fiscal impact would be dependent on the number of inmates released and the cost of the required tests. According to TDCJ, 74,237 inmates were released from correctional facilities in fiscal year 2019. The cost of testing could vary by inmate, depending on what conditions and diseases are considered life-threatening.

This analysis assumes 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 fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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