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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2793 by Johnson, Jarvis (Relating to parole determinations and individual treatment plans for inmates.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2793, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$400,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

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:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2022	(\$200,000)
2023	(\$200,000)
2024	\$0
2025	\$0
2026	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</i>
2022	(\$200,000)
2023	(\$200,000)
2024	\$0
2025	\$0
2026	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to individual treatment plans for release on parole. The bill would direct BPP provide a copy of the parole decision statement to the rehabilitation programs division of TDCJ. Under the provisions of the bill, the Board of Pardons and Paroles would be required to develop and implement a parole screening tool and evaluate it regularly. BPP would also be required to prepare an annual report as outlined in the bill. The bill would also amend the Government Code as it relates to individual treatment plans.

There would be a significant fiscal impact for BPP as the agency would be required to develop a new parole

screening tool. According to TDCJ, the costs associated with the bill's provisions could be absorbed using existing resources. 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.

Methodology

According to BPP, the cost for past similar work related to reviewing and upgrading the parole guidelines totaled \$400,000 in General Revenue for the biennium. BPP anticipates that developing the parole screening tool would have a similar fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 697 Board of Pardons and Paroles

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