

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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3447 by White (Relating to certain procedures concerning the welfare of prisoners confined in county jails.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3447, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$398,450) 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 | (\$200,500) |
| 2023 | (\$197,950) |
| 2024 | (\$197,950) |
| 2025 | (\$197,950) |
| 2026 | (\$197,950) |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i> | <i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2021</i> |
|--------------------|--|---|
| 2022 | (\$200,500) | 3.0 |
| 2023 | (\$197,950) | 3.0 |
| 2024 | (\$197,950) | 3.0 |
| 2025 | (\$197,950) | 3.0 |
| 2026 | (\$197,950) | 3.0 |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code to direct the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) to require each county jail to have a designated family liaison officer. The bill would also require TCJS to adopt a medical authorization form and coordinate the release of inmate medical records. TCJS would also be required to follow up on inmate complaints and produce an annual report as described in the bill.

According to TCJS, there would be a significant fiscal impact to comply with the provisions of the bill related to medical records.

Methodology

According to TCJS, the agency would require 3.0 FTEs to review the medical authorization forms and coordinate the release of medical records. This analysis assumes the fiscal impact of 3.0 FTEs would be \$200,500, which includes salary, benefits, consumables, and office space and furniture in fiscal year 2022. The fiscal impact in fiscal year 2023 and each year thereafter would be approximately \$197,950.

Local Government Impact

Fannin County estimates a fiscal implication to the county of \$106,000. The fiscal implication to other units of local government is not anticipated to be significant.

Source Agencies: 409 Commission on Jail Standards

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