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TO: Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB967 by Allen (Relating to program accessibility for female inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB967, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$5,688,036) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

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>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to <i>General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2024	(\$2,844,018)
2025	(\$2,844,018)
2026	(\$2,844,018)
2027	(\$2,844,018)
2028	(\$2,844,018)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2024	(\$2,844,018)
2025	(\$2,844,018)
2026	(\$2,844,018)
2027	(\$2,844,018)
2028	(\$2,844,018)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to female inmates' access to certain programs at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) correctional facilities. According to TDCJ, the bill would expand certain contracts related to vocational and educational classes, life skills training, and substance use treatment and would have an estimated fiscal impact of \$2,844,018 per fiscal year.

Methodology

TDCJ conducted an assessment to determine which types of programs were needed at female correctional

facilities. The programming costs were estimated using the current contracted rates and applied to an estimated population for these programming services. TDCJ estimated the service population at approximately 20 percent of capacity for female correctional facilities. The estimated annual fiscal impact is \$0.4 million for educational and vocational programs, \$1.6 million for substance use treatment, \$0.5 million for cognitive therapy, and \$0.3 million for life skills training.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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