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TO: Honorable Pete Flores, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3464 by Meza (Relating to the offense of providing a controlled substance to a person in the custody of a correctional facility; increasing a criminal penalty.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would increase the penalty for the third degree felony offense of prohibited substances and items in a correctional or civil commitment facility to a second degree felony when the actor is employed by the correctional facility and provides a controlled substance in certain circumstances to a person in the custody of the correctional facility, or to a first degree felony with a minimum fifteen year sentence if the consumption of the controlled substance causes the death of a person in the custody of the facility.

The Office of Court Administration indicates that the fiscal impact to the court system is indeterminate. The Comptroller of Public Accounts notes that the offense is currently a felony and further felony increases would have no fiscal impact on state court cost revenue.

Local Government Impact

While it is assumed that any fiscal impact to units of local government associated with enforcement, prosecution, supervision, or confinement would not be significant, it would be dependent on the number of offenses committed under the specific circumstances as outlined in the bill.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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