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TO: Honorable Kenny Marchant, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB246 by Allen (Relating to the death of or injury to an unborn child; providing penalties.),

Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend both the Penal Code and the Civil Practices and Remedies Code to include "an unborn child at every stage of gestation" in the respective Codes' definitions of "individual". It is assumed that the number of cases affected by this amendment would not have a significant fiscal impact on the operations of state and local government.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 501 Department of Health

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