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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB432 by Bonnen (Relating to the creation of an offense involving certain sales of tickets to events; providing a penalty.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Business & Commerce Code by creating the offense of ticket scalping which would prevent the resell or offer to resell a ticket to an event for a price that is more than \$5 over the price authorized to be offered to the public by the event sponsor. Punishment for the offense would range from a Class C misdemeanor to a state jail felony depending on the number of tickets sold or offered for sale.

It is assumed that the number of offenders convicted under this statute would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of state corrections agencies nor on the demand for resources and services of those agencies.

Local Government Impact

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

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