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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB996 by Raymond (Relating to juvenile facilities and programs.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Human Resources Code by adding Section 141.087 to allow the Juvenile Probation Commission to fund the construction of juvenile probation facilities. From funds appropriated for the construction of facilities, the agency would be required to contract with the Department of Criminal Justice for construction management services. Additional costs to the State would depend on legislative appropriations for this purpose.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated to implement Section 1 of the bill.

Costs to counties to implement Section 2 of the bill would depend upon how many counties decide to apply for facilities aid from the Juvenile Probation Commission and how much funding is made available by the Commission.

The Dallas County Juvenile Department currently contracts with a private company for services for its Level 5 juvenile special needs offenders. They reported that if sufficient funds were made available, they would redirect the funds from this contract to operate a facility for the juveniles, resulting in minimal costs to implement the bill.

The Denton County Auditor reported that no additional costs would be incurred other than those the county freely agrees to in conjunction with the grant of construction funds and the opening of the new facility. Increased costs would be incurred after the opening of the new facility that would be constructed with grant funds. However, Denton County would bear these costs whether or not a grant was received due to the implementation of the bill.

Bexar County reported information similar to that reported by Dallas and Denton counties.

Uvalde and Harris counties reported that no fiscal implication to their counties is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 665 Juvenile Probation Commission, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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