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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB348 by Lucio (Relating to the punishment for a capital offense.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code by adding life without parole as a sentencing option for offenders convicted of capital murder.

Under current law and policy, and under the proposed bill, the average time served in prison by persons likely to be affected by the provisions of this bill is greater than five years. Therefore, no additional impact on demands on the adult corrections agencies are anticipated during the first five years following passage of this bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office Of The Attorney General, 696 Department Of Criminal Justice

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