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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB920 by Whitmire (Relating to the punishment of certain individuals convicted of third degree felonies or state jail felonies.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code by allowing a court to reduce the punishment for a person convicted of a felony of the third degree to the confinement permissible as punishment for a Class A misdemeanor. A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by confinement in county jail for a term not to exceed one year. Implementation of the bill could result in a savings to the State based on the level of implementation.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. However, a corresponding cost may be absorbed by local governments based on the number of defendants convicted of third degree felonies that would be confined for punishment permissible for a Class A misdemeanor.

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