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TO: Honorable Terry Keel, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB434 by Dutton (Relating to the punishment for a capital felony committed by a person who is younger than 18 years of age at the time of committing the felony.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code by increasing the minimum age at which a person cannot be punished by death from 17 years of age to 18 years. 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 significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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