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TO: Honorable David Swinford, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB1094 by Menendez (Relating to an offense of using a wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle by certain minors.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to make it an offense for a person under 18 years of age, during the six-month period following issuance of a license, to operate a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device. The bill would also make it an offense for a person under 17 years of age, who holds a motorcycle or moped license, during the six-month period following the issuance of a license, to operate a motorcycle or moped while using a wireless communications device. The Department of Public Safety reports that officers would have to be trained on the new requirements; however, training could be accomplished within existing resources. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety

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