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

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

IN RE: HB1634 by Allen, Ray (Relating to arson and arson investigation; creating offenses.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Penal Code by making punishable as a state jail felony the reckless causing of a fire or an explosion while manufacturing a controlled substance and in the process damaging any building, habitation, or vehicle. The offense would be punishable as a felony of the third degree if it is shown on the trial of the offense that bodily injury or death was suffered by any person by reason of the commission of the offense. The impact of the bill would depend on the number of persons arrested, prosecuted, and convicted of the offense; however, in the case of this bill, the increased workload and demand for resources would probably not be substantial.

Local Government Impact

The bill would also amend the Local Government Code by further specifying conditions in which a person commits the misdemeanor offense of contempt of fire investigation proceedings.

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

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