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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: HB1634 by Allen, Ray (Relating to arson and arson investigation; creating an offense.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code to make the reckless causing of a fire or an explosion while manufacturing a controlled substance punishable as a state jail felony, except the offense would be punishable as a felony of the first degree if the offense results in bodily injury or death. The impact of the bill would depend on the number of persons caught 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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