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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: HB1714 by Zedler (Relating to the offense of murder of a child.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code by creating the offense of murder of a child. The offense would be punishable by imprisonment in the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 15 years, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005. 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 significant impacts on the demands of 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:

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