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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: HB1838 by Raymond (Relating to certain requirements imposed on a sex offender who enters the premises of a public park.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add to the list of requirements that must be explained to and which apply to a person who must register as a sex offender prior to release from a penal institution in Texas, that they may not enter onto the premises of a public park without immediately notifying a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the park. The local law enforcement agency would be authorized to provide a chaperone while the person is on the public park premises. Provisions of the bill would require that local law enforcement agencies provide at the time of providing a sex offender registration form to a person to provide a statement and description of the person's registration duties under Article 62.0452, Code of Criminal Procedure.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

While the cost would vary by affected law enforcement agency for providing the information to an offender upon their registration, and would depend on the number of registered sex offenders, as well as the number of offenders who would seek to enter onto a park premise, it is anticipated that the costs would not be significant.

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