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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: HB3010 by Grusendorf (Relating to failure to attend school proceedings in justice or municipal court.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add to the options a justice or municipal court would be authorized to impose on a child who is in contempt of court for a court order related to failure to attend school. The new option would be to confine the child for not more than three days to a juvenile facility that meets the requirements of Section 51.12, Family Code. A justice or municipal court would also be authorized to order a child confined for contempt of court for failure to pay a fine.

The bill would prohibit a juvenile court from refusing to accept "failure to attend school" juvenile cases transferred from criminal court if the child meets certain criteria.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

The costs to courts for processing the applicable cases and the costs of confinement of juveniles would vary by local government entity, depending on the number of applicable juvenile cases that are brought before the courts and whether the court chooses to impose confinement; however, no significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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