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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: SB109 by Estes (Relating to enhancing the penalty for the manufacture of methamphetamine if a child is present on the premises where the offense is committed.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code by specifying conditions for which the punishment for the offense of Manufacture or Delivery of Substance in Penalty Group 1 would be enhanced. The impact of the bill would depend on the number of offenders that manufacture methamphetamine with children present. The impact of the bill would also depend on the number of future offenders that would receive longer sentence lengths as a result of the proposal. In the case of this bill, it is assumed that the number of offenders convicted under this statute would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of state corrections agencies.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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