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TO: Honorable Todd Staples, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB120 by Seliger (Relating to an offense of using a telephone while operating a motor vehicle by certain minors.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code to make it an offense for persons under 18 years of age, during the six-month period following issuance of a driver's license, to use a telephone while operating a motor vehicle. The bill would also make it an offense for a person under 17 years of age who holds a restricted motorcycle license or moped license, during the six-month period after being issued the license, to operate the motorcycle or moped while using a telephone. The Department of Public Safety indicates that officers will need to be trained concerning the new law; however, the training can be done within existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation

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