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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: SB304 by Armbrister (Relating to the prosecution of the offense of criminal trespass.), As Introduced

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code by adding "recreational vehicle park" as a location on which a person would commit an offense of criminal trespass if they remain on or in the property without consent and when that person had been notified that entry was forbidden or to leave. The offense would be a Class B misdemeanor unless the trespassor was carrying a deadly weapon at the time, in which case the offense would be a Class A misdemeanor. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005 and would apply only to an offense that took place on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

It is anticipated that the number of such offenses processed by law enforcement and the courts would not have a significant fiscal impact on units of local government.

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