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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: SB1293** by Deuell (Relating to prohibiting wireless Internet access to obscene materials on public property.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB1293, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$154,200) through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	(\$78,840)
2007	(\$75,360)
2008	(\$75,360)
2009	(\$75,360)
2010	(\$75,360)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2005
2006	(\$78,840)	1.0
2007	(\$75,360)	1.0
2008	(\$75,360)	1.0
2009	(\$75,360)	1.0
2010	(\$75,360)	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require a state agency that provides wireless Internet access on state property to prohibit wireless access to obscene materials. The bill requires the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to assist a state agency in prohibiting wireless access to obscene materials, including prohibiting access by using a filter or other software. The bill prohibits wireless access to obscene materials at a correctional facility. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Methodology

This analysis assumes that DIR will act in an advisory capacity to state agencies and will require 1 full-time-equivalent position to fulfill this requirement. Estimated costs for this FTE include \$50,000 in annual salary and \$4,500 in travel costs. It is estimated that the purchase of filters or other software could be absorbed within current state agencies' budgets.

**Technology**

State agencies that provide wireless Internet access would be required to purchase a filter or other software to prevent access to obscene material.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 313 Department of Information Resources

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