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TO: Honorable Aaron Pena, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB655 by Coleman (Relating to the prosecution of the offense of improper photography or visual recording.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code clarifying the offense definition of improper photography or visual recording by including locations where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy. Under the provision of the bill, posting a sign indicating the person is being photographed or recorded at a location where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy, is not sufficient to establish consent.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007 and apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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