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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

IN RE: HB1840 by Bonnen (Relating to the punishment for failing to stop following a motor vehicle accident.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would increase to a third degree felony the offense of a person involved in a motor vehicle accident failing to stop following the accident if the accident resulted in death or serious bodily injury. Under current statute, regardless if a death, serious bodily injury, or injury occurred as a result of the accident, failure to stop is punishable by not more than five years imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) or confinement in a county jail for not more than one year, a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or both a fine and imprisonment or confinement. A third degree felony is punishable by imprisonment in TDCJ for between 2 and 10 years and/or a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Local Government Impact

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

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