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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

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

IN RE: HB1960 by Ortiz, Jr. (Relating to access to records or files concerning a child who is subject to the juvenile justice system.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend subsections (b) and (e) and add subsection (j) to Section 58, Family Code, to allow a youth and his parent or guardian to inspect copies of records or files of a juvenile court, a clerk of court, a juvenile probation department, or a prosecuting attorney for the youth in a juvenile proceeding. The custodian of the records would be required to redact references to other juveniles in the records prior to releasing the records to the youth or his parent or guardian.

The Office of the Attorney General and the Juvenile Probation Commission have determined that the cost of implementing the provisions of this bill would not be significant.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 665 Juvenile Probation Commission

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