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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst , Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB2034 by England (Relating to sex offender treatment and civil commitment.),
Conference Committee Report

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the civil commitment of sexually violent predators by the civil division of the Special Prosecution Unit of Walker County. The bill would provide that an assigned judge in civil commitment proceedings is not subject to most objections, as described. The bill would create an offense for failing to comply with a civil commitment requirement. The bill would clarify that local prosecutors can seek assistance from the Special Prosecution Unit of Walker County in prosecution of violations of civil commitment requirements. To the extent the bill would change court procedures regarding civil commitments, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would also amend the Occupations Code relating to the regulation of sex offender treatment providers. No significant fiscal impact to the State is anticipated due to these changes.

Local Government Impact

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

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