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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

IN RE: SB45 by Nelson (Relating to the definition of serious bodily injury for the purposes of criminal prosecutions.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code by broadening the definition of serious bodily injury to include strangulation.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2007 and apply to an offense committed on or after that date.

Broadening the definition of the types of behavior punishable is expected to result in increased demands upon the correctional resources of counties or of the State due to an increase in offenses. It is assumed the number of persons convicted under this statute would not result in a significant impact on programs and workload of state corrections agencies or on the demand for resources and services of those agencies.

Local Government Impact

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

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