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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: SB60 by Zaffirini (Relating to the securing of a child passenger in a motor vehicle.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 545.412(a), Transportation Code, to change the requirements for securing a child passenger in a motor vehicle. Under current statute, a person operating a motor vehicle and transporting a child is required to secure in a child safety seat a child under the age of five years and less than 36 inches in height. The bill would require a child younger than the age of eight years, unless the child is taller than four feet, nine inches, to be secured in a child safety seat. A violation of the requirement is a misdemeanor offense, punishable by a fine of between \$100 and \$200.

Local Government Impact

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

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