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TO: Honorable Aaron Pena, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: SB584 by Carona (Relating to the issuance or violation of an order for emergency protection on the basis of the offense of sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure by allowing a magistrate to issue an emergency protective order for victims of sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault. The first violation of a protective order would be punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor and two or more violations would be punishable as a felony of the third degree. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds majority vote in both houses of the Legislature. Otherwise, the bill would take effect on September 1, 2007. The bill would apply only to a defendant charged with an offense committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

It is assumed that the bill would not significantly affect the operations of state or local government.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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