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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: SB1097 by Whitmire (Relating to the penalties for the offense of criminal trespass.), As Introduced

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code to change the penalties for the offense of criminal trespass. Under current statute, trespassing in another person's vehicle or in a building is a Class B misdemeanor. The proposed change in statute would change trespassing in a vehicle or building to a Class C misdemeanor unless it is shown at trial that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense of burglary or criminal trespass, in which case the offense would be a Class B misdemeanor.

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000, confinement in county jail for up to 180 days, or both.

Local Government Impact

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

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