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TO: Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB777 by Hamilton (Relating to the punishment for the offense of harboring a runaway child.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code by enhancing the punishment for the offense of harboring a runaway from a Class A misdemeanor to a felony of the third degree if at the time of the offense the actor was required to register as a sex offender.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009 and would apply to an offense committed on or after the effective date.

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.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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