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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: HB1343 by Menendez (Relating to blind and disabled pedestrians and failure of the operator of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code relating to blind and disabled pedestrians and failure of the operator of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way to those pedestrians. The bill would amend Chapter 552 (pedestrians) to create a penalty of a fine of up to \$500 and a community service requirement for a motor vehicle driving offense resulting in injury or death to a blind, visually impaired, or disabled person.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

Fiscal impact to units of local government would depend on the number of offenses prosecuted and the discretion of the judge in imposing the fine.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 538 Assistive and Rehabilitative Services,
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