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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: HB1425 by Lewis (Relating to the determination of the population of a county required to develop a juvenile justice alternative education program.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would stipulate that a county whose population has dropped to below 125,000 could be required to develop a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) if the population reported in the 2000 Federal Census was 125,000 or greater. The juvenile board of the county would be required, with Juvenile Probation Commission approval, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with each school district within the county that outlines the responsibilities of the board and school districts and strives to minimize the number of students expelled without receiving alternative education services. A juvenile court would be required to modify the conditions of probation or deferred prosecution for a youth ordered to attend a JJAEP in a county that was not required to operate a JJAEP if the county discontinues operation of the JJAEP. The bill would apply beginning with the 2009–2010 school year. The bill would become effective September 1, 2009 unless it receives the necessary votes to become effective immediately.

The Juvenile Probation Commission anticipates no fiscal impact from this bill.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 665 Juvenile Probation Commission

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