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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: HB2328 by Guillen (Relating to the punishment for certain fraud offenses committed against elderly individuals.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code to allow the penalty for certain fraud offenses to be increased to that of the next higher category if it is shown at trial the offense was committed against an elderly individual as defined by Section 22.04, Penal Code (age 65 or older).

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009 and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

For this analysis it is assumed that the number of offenders convicted under this statute would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of state corrections agencies or on the demand for resources and services of those agencies. It is expected individuals who would be affected under the provisions of the bill are currently being sentenced for other, possibly lesser felony, offenses.

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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