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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

IN RE: SB1077 by Carona (Relating to certain persons and activities regulated by the Department of Public Safety.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

ARTICLE 1 of the bill would amend the Government Code to grant authority to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to obtain and use criminal history record information maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the department as it relates to persons who apply for or hold certain regulated registrations, permits, or certificates.

ARTICLE 2 of the bill would amend the Transportation Code to provide for civil consequences related to a driver's license or permit for the conviction or adjudication of certain offenses related to the transportation, concealment, or harboring of an alien, or trafficking in persons.

ARTICLE 3 of the bill would require all school districts to offer driver education and traffic safety courses each year and would direct the Commissioner of Education to establish a standard minimum number of actual driving hours required in the curriculum.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) estimates 3 full-time-equivalent positions (FTEs) would be required to conduct training and compliance monitoring for new driver education programs resulting from the provisions of the bill. This analysis assumes no significant impact to TEA.

The bill would require DPS to publish collision rate statistics regarding the students trained by each driver education program and would restrict the ability of persons with certain traffic violations from serving either as certified instructors or from conducting a parent-taught course. DPS anticipates no significant fiscal impact to their agency from the bill.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require all school districts to offer driver education and traffic safety courses each year and would allow school districts to charge a fee to participants comparable to commercial driver training courses.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 701 Central Education Agency

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