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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: SB1237 by Estes (Relating to the authority of certain juvenile probation officers to carry firearms.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Human Resources Code to permit a juvenile probation officer who possesses a certificate of firearms proficiency issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) to carry a firearm in the course of official duty. The bill would amend the Occupations Code to require the Juvenile Probation Commission and TCLEOSE to adopt a memorandum of understanding establishing a training program for the use of firearms by juvenile probation officers and require TCLEOSE to administer the training program. The bill would also allow TCLEOSE to collect fees for the administration of the training program. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote of all the members in each house, otherwise it would take effect on September 1, 2009.

The Juvenile Probation Commission and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education have determined that the cost of implementing the provisions of this bill would not be significant.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 665 Juvenile Probation Commission, 407 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education

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