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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: SB1424 by Seliger (Relating to a person's eligibility to possess or carry a concealed handgun or other firearm.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code by expanding the eligibility for concealed handgun licenses to those whose convictions have been vacated, set-aside, annulled, invalidated, voided, or sealed. Under current statute, an applicant's eligibility with respect to felony offenses is based on the law at the time the application is submitted. Under the provisions of the bill, classification of an offense would be determined by its classification at the time the offense was committed. The bill would also amend the Penal Code to conform with the changes to the Government Code.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009 and apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

Changes made under the provisions of the bill are not expected to result in an impact on the demands upon the correctional resources of counties or of the State.

Local Government Impact

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

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