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TO: Honorable Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair, Senate Committee on International Relations & Trade

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

IN RE: SB2195 by Williams (Relating to the creation of and penalties for certain offenses that take place at or involve an attempt to cross an international border.), **As Introduced**

The probable impact of implementing the provisions of this bill cannot be determined because the physical location where offenses addressed in the bill were committed is not contained within statewide criminal history data or records.

The bill would make Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle, Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon, and Prohibited Weapons punishable as a second degree felony if at the time the offense was committed the person was traveling on a bridge toward Mexico. The bill would also make Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution punishable as a second degree felony if the person had the intent to transport the other person across an international boundary. The bill would create a new offense, Unlawful Transportation of Currency, and make it punishable as a second degree felony.

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

A check of Texas Department of Criminal Justice records, Department of Public Safety records, Office of Court Administration records, and Jail Standards Commission records did not reveal any information that would help in an accurate assumption regarding the physical location where an offenses was committed and whether or not it was near an international boundary; therefore, the probable impact of implementing the bill cannot be determined.

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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