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TO: Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB1345 by Veasey (Relating to the statute of limitations on prosecution of the offenses of kidnapping and aggravated kidnapping of a minor.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the statute of limitations for kidnapping and aggravated kidnapping of a minor, extending the 18th-birthday-plus-twenty-years limitation to all cases of kidnapping of a minor, rather than only those involving sexual abuse. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2011 and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

Extending the statute of limitations for any criminal offense is expected to result in increased demands upon the correctional resources of counties and or of the State due to longer terms of probation, or, longer terms of confinement in county jails or prison. For this analysis, it is assumed 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.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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