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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: HB1601 by Price (Relating to consecutive sentences for certain offenses involving injury to a child, an elderly individual, or a disabled individual and arising out of the same criminal episode.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated for the first five years following passage of the bill.</p>

The bill would amend the Penal Code by allowing for the concurrent or consecutive serving of sentences for certain serious cases of the offense of injury to a child, elderly individual, or disabled individual. The change in law would apply only to an offense committed on or after September 1, 2011.

Under current law and policy, and under the proposed bill, the average time served in prison by persons likely to be affected by the provisions of this bill is greater than five years. Therefore, no additional impacts on demands on the adult corrections agencies are anticipated during the first five years following passage of this bill.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies:

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