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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB2981 by Hunter (Relating to the operation on a highway or street of a motor vehicle that is drawing a boat or personal watercraft in or on which a child is riding; providing a penalty.),
As Passed 2nd House

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add Section 545.4145 to the Transportation Code to create an offense if a person operates a motor vehicle on a highway or a street and a child under younger than 18 years of age is riding in a boat or personal watercraft that is being drawn by the motor vehicle. The bill would establish a defense to prosecution under this section that the person was operating the motor vehicle in a parade, in an emergency, or on the beach. An offense would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$200.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

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