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TO: Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB60 by Guillen (Relating to the failure to report a missing child or the death of a child; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code to create the offenses of failure to report a missing child and failure to report the death of a child. The offense of failure to report a missing child would be punished as a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony, depending upon the circumstances. The offense of failure to report the death of a child would be punished as a state jail felony.

The bill creates two new offenses. Creating two new offenses is expected to increase demands on state and/or county correctional agency resources due to increased terms of community supervision, county jail confinement, state correctional institution confinement, and/or parole. However, in the case of the bill, it is assumed that the number of offenders supervised or incarcerated under this statute would not significantly impact state correctional agencies' workload and programs.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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