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TO: Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee On Homeland Security & Public Safety

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB223 by Huberty (Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns by certain persons attending a school board meeting.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Penal Code to create a defense to the prosecution of unlawful carrying of a handgun by a license holder and carrying a weapon in places that are prohibited for members of a school board and a superintendent of a school who are attending a school board meeting. These offenses are punishable by a Class A misdemeanor or a third degree felony, depending on the circumstances.

Creating a defense to the prosecution for any criminal offense is expected to decrease demands on state and/or county correctional agency resources due to fewer persons on community supervision, in county jail confinement, state correctional institution confinement, and/or parole. However, in the case of this bill, it is assumed that any reduction in the number of offenders supervised or incarcerated under this statute would not significantly impact state correctional agencies' workload and programs.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies:

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