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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB232 by Guillen (Relating to allowing certain minors convicted of certain alcohol offenses to perform community service instead of attending an alcohol awareness program.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Alcoholic Beverage Code as it relates to allowing certain minors convicted of certain alcohol offenses to perform community service instead of attending an alcohol awareness program. Under the provisions of the bill, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is required to create a list of community services related to alcohol abuse prevention or treatment in each county in the state to which a judge may sentence a defendant. Based on the analysis provided by DSHS, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources.

No significant impact on state correctional populations, programs, or workload is anticipated from any provisions of the bill that authorize or require a change in the sanctions applicable to adults convicted of felony crimes.

According to the Office of Court Administration, as the statute pertains to offenses not prosecuted in state courts, no significant fiscal impact to the state judiciary is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

There could be costs to some justice, municipal and county courts that may need to change some forms pertaining to alcohol awareness programs; however, the amounts would vary and are not anticipated to be significant.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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