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TO: Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB528 by Turner, Sylvester (Relating to the restriction of access to the records and files of a child charged with or convicted of certain fine-only misdemeanor offenses.), As

Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would expand confidentiality of records relating to a misdemeanor committed by child who is charged with or convicted of a fine-only misdemeanor offense other than a traffic offense. Current law provides that the records of a misdemeanor committed by a child are confidential if the child is convicted of and has satisfied the judgment for an offense; the bill would remove the requirement that a judgment be satisfied.

The bill would also make confidential records relating to a misdemeanor committed by a child whose conviction for a fine-only misdemeanor other than a traffic offense has been appealed, rather than requiring that it be affirmed.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 405

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