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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB820 by Taylor, Van (Relating to the prosecution of the possession or promotion of child pornography.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the offense of possession or promotion of child pornography. Under current law it is an offense for a person to knowingly or intentionally possess child pornography. The bill adds knowingly or intentionally access with intent to view to the definition of this offense. The offense of possession or promotion of child pornography is a second or third degree felony, depending upon the circumstances.

The bill expands the definition of possession or promotion of child pornography. Expanding the definition of any criminal offense is expected to increase demands on state correctional agency resources due to longer terms of community supervision, 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 significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

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