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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1205 by Parker (Relating to the offense of failure to report abuse or neglect of a child.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code as it relates to the failure to report abuse or neglect of a child.

The changes in law made by the bill to Section 261.109, Family Code, apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of the bill. An offense committed before the effective date of the bill is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For the purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of the bill if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

The Department of Family and Protective Services does not anticipate any significant fiscal impact as a result of complying with the provisions of the bill. 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.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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