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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1483 by Lozano (Relating to the creation of the offense of commercial sexual exploitation of a child.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure as they relates to the creation of the offense of commercial sexual exploitation of a child. Under the provisions of the bill, commercial sexual exploitation of a child would be punishable as a third degree felony and would be added to the list of offenses for which sex offender registration is required.

Creating an offense is expected to increase correctional supervision and/or incarceration populations and thereby increase demands on county and/or state correctional resources. The state is responsible for confining convicted felony offenders and supervising them when released to parole. With funding support from the state, local probation departments are responsible for supervising convicted felony offenders under community supervision. However, it is assumed the number of offenders supervised or incarcerated under this statute would not significantly impact state correctional agency resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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