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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1670 by Carter (Relating to the addition of a synthetic hallucinogenic substance to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code as it relates to the addition of a synthetic hallucinogenic substance to the list of Penalty Group 2 substances in the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

This analysis assumes the Department of Public Safety could implement the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations. Expanding the list of substances for which possession is a criminal offense is expected to result in increased demands upon the correctional resources of counties or of the state due to longer terms of probation, or longer terms of confinement in county jail, state jail, or prison. For this analysis, it is assumed the number of offenders convicted under the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of state corrections agencies or on the demand for resources and services of those agencies.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety

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