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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB249 by Patrick (relating to the prosecution of the offense of breach of computer security.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code to add with the intent to obtain a benefit to the definition of the offense of breach of computer security. The offense of breach of computer security is punishable by a state jail felony, a third degree felony, a second degree felony, or a first degree felony, depending on the amount involved in the offense. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013, and only applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

This bill would expand the definition of the offense of breach of computer security. Expanding the definition of any offense is expected to increase demands on state and/or county correctional agency resources due to more individuals serving terms of community supervision, county jail confinement, 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.

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