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TO: Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee On Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB395 by West (Relating to fines and court costs imposed on a child in a criminal case.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, Articles 42, 43, and 45, relating to fines and court costs imposed on a child in a criminal case and would permit a judge to offer a child defendant who incurs a fine and court costs a choice between paying the fine and court costs or performing community service in lieu of payment. The bill also allows a judge the option of waiving fines and court costs for children.

The Office of Court Administration (OCA) does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact to state revenue. The Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) indicates no fiscal impact to its agency operations.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304
Comptroller of Public Accounts, 644 Texas Juvenile Justice Department

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