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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB742 by Carona (Relating to reports of missing children or attempted child abductions and to education and training for peace officers regarding missing or exploited children.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, Government Code and Occupations Code to add attempted child abduction to the Missing Persons Clearinghouse. The Department of Public Safety would be required to receive and maintain information on attempted child abductions in Texas, exchange information with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) or other similar national nonprofit organizations, and provide certain information to local law enforcement agencies.

The bill would also stipulate the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) must require an officer first licensed by TCLEOSE, or an officer seeking intermediate or advanced certification issued by TCLEOSE, to complete a one-time education and training program on missing or exploited children.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require local law enforcement agencies, upon receipt of a report of an attempted child abduction, to provide any relevant information within two hours regarding the attempted child abduction to the Missing Persons Clearinghouse and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children or other similar national nonprofit organization. The bill would also require local law enforcement agencies to identify missing children who are in danger given certain circumstances. It is assumed there would be no significant fiscal implication to units of local government resulting from the provisions of the bill.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 407 Commission on Law Enforcement

Officer Standards and Education

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