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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB189 by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the elimination of the statute of limitations for the offenses of sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to eliminate the statute of limitations for aggravated sexual assault crimes and for sexual assault crimes if probable cause exists that the defendant committed the same or a similar sexual offense against five or more victims. The bill also amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to define the types of conduct for which a person may bring suit for personal injury at any time and the types of conduct for which a person must bring suit for personal injury not later than five years after the day the cause of action accrues.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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