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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB235 by Farrar (Relating to a central database containing information about certain persons who have been convicted of or received a grant of deferred adjudication for certain offenses involving animal cruelty; providing a criminal penalty.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require the Department of Public Safety to establish and maintain a computerized central database and system of public registration regarding certain individuals who have been convicted or received deferred adjudication for offenses involving animal cruelty, only to the extent sufficient funding is available from gifts, grants, or donations.

The provisions of the bill would apply to individuals convicted of or receiving deferred adjudication for the applicable offenses on or after the effective date of the bill. An offense committed before the effective date of the bill is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed.

No significant fiscal impact to the state is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

The bill could place additional administrative demands on local law enforcement; however, costs associated with these duties are not anticipated to be significant to local governments.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 409 Commission on Jail Standards, 697 Board of Pardons and Paroles

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