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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB263 by Miles (Relating to the sealing in certain cases of juvenile records of adjudications of delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision and access by certain persons to sealed juvenile records.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code to require a juvenile court to order the sealing of a person's juvenile court record when the person subject to the records is at least 17 years old and the person has either been discharged or the last official action has occurred if there was no adjudication, and the prosecutor does not object to the sealing of the records. The bill would require the juvenile court to determine that the person meets the eligibility requirements and notify the prosecutor. If the prosecutor objects to the sealing of the record, then the court must hold a hearing to determine if the records should be sealed.

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated by either the Department of Public Safety or Juvenile Justice Department.

Local Government Impact

The Office of Court Administration estimates an increase in the number of juvenile courts asked to seal more juvenile records and an increase in court hearings to determine whether to seal such records due to prosecutor objection; however these additional sealing orders and court hearings could be accomplished within existing resources.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 405 Department of Public Safety, 644 Juvenile Justice Department

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