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TO: Honorable Gary Elkins, Chair, House Committee on Government Transparency & Operation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB327** by Wu (Relating to a study on the availability of information regarding convictions and deferred dispositions for certain fine-only misdemeanors.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Office of Court Administration to conduct a study on the public availability of Class C misdemeanor conviction records as well as the public availability of records relating to a suspension of sentence and deferral of final disposition. The study would need to be completed by January 1, 2017. It is assumed the agency could absorb the costs of this study within current resources.

Local Government Impact

There may be cost to local courts; however, no significant fiscal implication is anticipated.

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

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