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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB519 by Moody (Relating to venue for the offense of a parent contributing to a child's failure to attend school.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code to provide that a case for an offense of a parent contributing to nonattendance could be heard in a justice court of any precinct in the county in which the parent resides or the school is located. Modifying to the venue in which parent contributing to nonattendance offenses are heard is not expected to increase the number of cases filed.

The Office of Court Administration (OCA) indicated no fiscal impact on the state's judiciary is anticipated. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) indicated the bill would have no direct fiscal implications for the Foundation School Program or the operations of the TEA.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2015, and would only apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

OCA indicated that no significant fiscal impact to local courts is anticipated; however, individual judge's caseloads could be affected by a designation that the court would hear truancy cases for its county.

Denton County reported that no fiscal impact is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 644 Juvenile Justice Department, 701 Central Education Agency

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