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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: **HB725** by Turner, Sylvester (Relating to the appeal of waiver of jurisdiction and transfer to criminal court in juvenile cases.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to permit a child to appeal an order of the juvenile court waiving jurisdiction and transferring the child to criminal court for prosecution. The bill provides that such appeals have precedence over all other cases and would require the Supreme Court of Texas to adopt rules ensuring the acceleration of the disposition of such appeals by the intermediate appellate courts and the Supreme Court. Under current law, a child may only appeal such a transfer order after being convicted or having a deferred adjudication imposed in the criminal case following transfer. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and Juvenile Justice Department, 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, 644 Juvenile Justice Department

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