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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1061 by Turner, Chris (Relating to the prosecution of the offense of interference with public duties.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code to provide a rebuttable presumption for someone committing an offense of interrupting, disrupting, or interfering with a peace officer while the officer is performing a duty or exercising authority imposed or granted by law. This presumption is that the actor has interfered with the officer if it is shown at trial that the actor intentionally disseminated the officer's home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, or social security number of either the officer or a family member of the officer. This presumption does not apply to information disseminated by a federally licensed radio or television station or a newspaper of general circulation or qualified to publish legal notices.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, 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

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