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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1491 by McClendon (Relating to the publication of confidential criminal and juvenile justice records of certain juveniles; providing civil penalties.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would prohibit certain business entities from publishing confidential juvenile record information or confidential criminal record information of a child under certain circumstances. A business entity who publishes this prohibited information would be liable to the state for a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for each separate violation and for each subsequent day on which the violation occurs. The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. The bill could generate an indeterminate amount of revenue to the state from the assessment of civil penalties. The Comptroller of Public Accounts states that the number of violations that would result in civil penalties cannot be estimated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety, 644 Juvenile Justice Department

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