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TO: Honorable René Oliveira, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB577 by Workman (Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to adopt or enforce certain regulations regarding whether a private employer may obtain or consider an employment applicant's or employee's criminal history record information.),

Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Labor Code relating to criminal history information of employment applicant or employee. The bill would prohibit a political subdivision of the state from adopting or enforcing any ordinance that prohibits, limits, or regulates a private employer's ability to request or consider the criminal history record of an applicant or employee.

The bill would not apply to a political subdivision from enforcing an ordinance or regulating criminal history access if the individual is entering into a contract or receiving a grant.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-third vote in each chamber; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Municipal League, no fiscal impact to municipalities is anticipated from the provisions of the bill.

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