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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1808 by Meyer (Relating to the prosecution and punishment of certain trafficking and sexual offenses; creating a criminal offense.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the certain trafficking and sexual offenses. Under the provisions of the bill, certain behaviors would constitute an offense regardless of whether the actor knows the age of the victim at the time of the offense and the punishment for the offense of unlawful disclosure or promotion of intimate visual material would be increased from a Class A misdemeanor to a state jail felony. The bill would also create the offense of sexual coercion and make engaging in certain activities with someone who is incapable of providing consent or where consent has been withdrawn an offense.

This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on the demands for state correctional resources.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017 and apply only to offenses committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

Local Government Impact

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

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