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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2671** by Dean (Relating to the placement of certain substances in Penalty Groups 1 and 3 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act for the purposes of prosecution of criminal offenses involving those substances.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to add the substances known as phenazepam, U-47700, AH-7921, ADB-FUBINACA, AMB-FUBINACA, and MDMB-CHMICA to Penalty Group 1 and carisoprodol, etizolam, and tramadol to Penalty Group 3 classifications. The bill would repeal Section 481.103(d) of the Health and Safety Code, which excludes substances approved by the Federal Drug Administration from the relevant penalty group.

It is assumed any costs associated with enforcing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. It is further assumed the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions for criminal offenses would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 405 Department of Public Safety, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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