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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3322 by Guillen (Relating to the use of certain words to imply that a person who is not an attorney is authorized to practice immigration law and the prosecution of a cause of action arising from that practice and educational requirements for a notary public appointment; authorizing a fee; affecting the prosecution of a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Business and Commerce Code to add language to prohibit the foreign language use of the terms "immigration consultant" and "immigration expert" in reference to a person who is not an attorney in order to imply the person is authorized to practice law.

The bill would amend the Government Code to add an educational requirement for initial appointment as a notary public. The bill would require the Secretary of State to adopt certain rules and fees regarding education of notaries public.

The Office of the Attorney General, Department of Criminal Justice, and Office of Court Administration anticipates any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources. Based on the analysis of the Secretary of State, this estimate assumes that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

This analysis assumes 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 January 1, 2018.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 307 Secretary of State, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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