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TO: Honorable Joe Moody, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3965 by Faircloth (Relating to the reporting of criminal offenses to prosecuting attorneys, to any failure by law enforcement agencies to properly consider those reports, and to allegations regarding a law enforcement officer's corruption or abuse of power.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Government Code. The bill would authorize a prosecutor who has received information regarding a criminal offense to refer the matter to a law enforcement agency or a court with jurisdiction over the offense and to notify the public corruption unit. The bill would expand the authority of the public corruption unit to investigate allegations of public corruption and abuse of power. Duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources at the Office of Court Administration and the Department of Public Safety.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies:

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