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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB1836** by Burton (Relating to a study on the adjudication of juveniles charged with misdemeanors punishable by fine only and the use of certain terms signifying age in the criminal justice and juvenile justice statutes of this state.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Office of Court Administration (OCA) to conduct a study examining the use of the terms "juvenile," "child," and "minor" in state law and the varying definitions assigned to those terms. The bill would require OCA to determine whether adjudication of juveniles charged with fine-only misdemeanors in the adult criminal justice system is just and efficient and whether procedures for adjudication of these offenses in the juvenile justice system would be more just and efficient. The bill would require OCA to submit its report not later than December 1, 2018.

While this study would require OCA to devote resources to it, OCA anticipates using existing resources for the study. Therefore, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 644 Juvenile Justice Department

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