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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB2238** by Garcia (Relating to certain sexual offenses; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the offenses of unlawful disclosure or promotion of intimate visual material and sexual coercion. Under the provisions of the bill, 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 make the offense of sexual coercion punishable by a state jail felony or a third degree felony depending on the circumstances of the offense.

The Office of Court Administration and Texas Department of Criminal Justice do not anticipate a significant fiscal impact due to implementing the provisions of the bill.

This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions for criminal offenses would not result in a significant impact on the demand for state correctional resources. The bill would take effect September 1, 2017 and apply to an offense committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

Local Government Impact

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

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

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