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

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IN RE: HB427 by Shaheen (Relating to the punishment for the offense of fraudulent destruction, removal, or concealment of a writing that is attached to tangible property; enhancing a criminal penalty.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the punishment for the offense of fraudulent destruction, removal, or concealment of certain kinds of writing attached to tangible property. Under the provisions of the bill, fraudulent destruction, removal, or concealment of writing attached to tangible property for sale would be a criminal offense.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on state correctional populations.

Local Government Impact

Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution of the misdemeanors in the bill could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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