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TO: Honorable Nicole Collier, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

- **FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director Legislative Budget Board
- **IN RE: HB977** by Thierry (Relating to creating the criminal offense of financial abuse of an elderly individual.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to financial abuse of an elderly individual. Under the provisions of the bill, engaging in certain behaviors, which constitute financial abuse, would be punishable as a felony, and the degree of the felony would be determined by the pecuniary value of the property of which the victim was deprived.

The Office of Court Administration indicates the modifications outlined in the bill's provisions would not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state court system. 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.

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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