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

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IN RE: HB1231 by Flynn (Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the offense of unlawfully carrying a handgun by a license holder.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would repeal provisions of the Penal Code related to the offense of the carrying of a weapon on the premises of a place of worship by a license holder. The bill would reduce from a Class A to a Class C misdemeanor the application of this offense in certain circumstances unless the handgun holder was given proper notice that entry with a handgun was forbidden and the holder failed to depart.

According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), no significant impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both.

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. In addition to the fine, punishment can include up to 180 days of deferred disposition.

Lost revenue from reduced fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

According to OCA, no significant impact to local courts is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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