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

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IN RE: **HB1357** by Wu (Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the criminal offense of failure to report certain sexual offenses committed against a child; increasing criminal penalties.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the prosecution of and punishment for the criminal offense of failure to report certain sexual offenses committed against a child. Under the provisions of the bill, the list of behaviors for the prosecution of this offense would be expanded, and the punishment would be a state jail felony with the punishment level increasing in severity depending upon the circumstances of the offense. Under existing statute, failure to stop or report aggravated sexual assault of a child is punishable by a Class A misdemeanor.

The Office of Court Administration indicates the modifications outlined in the bill's provisions would not result in a significant fiscal impact. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions for criminal offenses would not result in a significant impact on state correctional populations or the demand for state correctional resources.

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

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

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