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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1771 by Thierry (Relating to a prohibition on prosecuting or referring to juvenile court a person younger than 18 years of age for certain conduct violating the offense of prostitution and to the provision of services to those persons.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Family Code and Penal Code to prohibit the prosecution or referral to juvenile court of a person younger than 18 years of age for the offense of prostitution where the person agrees to receive a fee from another to engage in sexual conduct. The bill would require the individuals to be referred to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to receive services for at-risk youth.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

DFPS estimates there would be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill.

The Office of Court Administration and the Juvenile Justice Department indicated they could absorb the costs associated with implementing the bill within their current 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, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 644 Juvenile Justice Department

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