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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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IN RE: HB2789 by Meyer (Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of unlawful electronic transmission of sexually explicit visual material.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code to create the offense of unlawful electronic transmission of sexually explicit visual material. The offense created by this bill would be a Class C misdemeanor.

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

Local Government Impact

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

According to the Office of Court Administration, no significant impact to local courts is anticipated.

According to the Texas Municipal League, no significant fiscal impact on cities is anticipated.

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

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