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

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IN RE: HB2906 by Parker (Relating to orders of nondisclosure for certain victims of trafficking of persons.), **As Introduced**

The bill would have a positive but indeterminate fiscal impact to the State due to the number of additional petitions for an order of nondisclosure that would be filed under the provisions of the bill being unknown.

The bill would amend the Government Code by adding criminal trespass to the list of offenses that would qualify for an order of nondisclosure for victims of human trafficking. The bill would also expand the requirements for the petition for an order of nondisclosure to require a victim to include specific facts that would establish that the victim committed a qualifying offense solely as a victim of human trafficking.

According to the Office of Court Administration, a district court receives approximately \$245.02 for every petition filed. OCA anticipates an increase in the number of petitions filed for an order of nondisclosure and estimates there would be a positive fiscal impact to the state due to an increase in civil filing fee revenue. However, the fiscal implications cannot be determined because the total number of additional petitions that maybe filed under the provisions of the bill is unknown.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

According to OCA, county-level courts receive approximately \$220.02 for every petition filed. The total number of additional petitions that may be filed under the provisions of the bill is unknown; therefore, the positive fiscal implications for local governments cannot be determined.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 696
 Department of Criminal Justice

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