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TO: Honorable Terry Canales, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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IN RE: HB4070 by Oliverson (Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of passing a school bus; increasing a criminal penalty.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code as it relates to the offense of passing a school bus that is stopped on a highway to receive or discharge a student. Under current statute the punishment for this offense is a Class A misdemeanor or state jail felony, depending upon the circumstances of the offense. Under the provisions of the bill, the punishment for this offense would be increased to a second degree felony if the person causes serious bodily injury to another.

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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