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

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IN RE: HB4602 by González, Jessica (Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of organized retail theft.), **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 the criminal offense of organized retail theft. Under the provisions of the bill, a person would commit an offense if the person engaged in conduct as outlined in the bill with the intent to facilitate the redistribution of retail merchandise. Under current statute, organized retail theft is punishable at varying misdemeanor and felony levels depending on the value of the merchandise and specific circumstances of the offense.

The Office of Court Administration and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice indicate the modifications outlined in the bill's provisions will not result in a significant fiscal impact. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on the demands for state correctional 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, 696
 Department of Criminal Justice

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