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**TO:** Honorable Andrew S. Murr, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB379** by Smith (Relating to changing the eligibility for parole of certain inmates serving a sentence for the offense of online solicitation of a minor.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to changing the eligibility for parole for certain individuals serving a sentence for the offense of online solicitation of a minor. Under the provisions of the bill, individuals who are serving a sentence for the offense outlined in the bill would not be eligible for release onto parole supervision until the calendar time served, without good conduct time, equals one-half of their sentence or 30 years, whichever is less, but at least two years.

The Board of Pardons and Paroles 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 implementing the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on the demand for state correctional resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 697 Board of Pardons and Paroles

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