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**TO:** Honorable Victoria Neave, Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

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

**IN RE: HB1783** by White (Relating to the age of a child at which a juvenile court may exercise jurisdiction over the child and to the minimum age of criminal responsibility.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1783, As Introduced : a positive impact of \$10,728,190 through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2022	\$5,359,113
2023	\$5,369,077
2024	\$5,383,787
2025	\$5,369,077
2026	\$5,369,077

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>
2022	\$5,359,113
2023	\$5,369,077
2024	\$5,383,787
2025	\$5,369,077
2026	\$5,369,077

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend various codes as they relate to the age of criminal responsibility and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to that age. Under the provisions of the bill, juveniles under the age of 13 would not be under juvenile justice purview. The provisions of the bill changing the age of criminal responsibility would take effect on September 1, 2021 and apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

**Methodology**

Population trends in the juvenile justice system were analyzed to determine the proportion of juveniles who would no longer be served by the juvenile justice system in the future.

Estimated populations are based on the adult incarceration projections included in the *January 2021 Adult and Juvenile Correctional Population Projections* report and juvenile justice system disposition trends.

Savings are estimated based on the state costs per day for juveniles in Texas Juvenile Justice Department state residential facilities (\$616.70), on juvenile parole supervision (\$50.55), on juvenile probation supervision (\$3.90), and in juvenile detention (\$18.66) and are based on the projections of the reduction in population for juveniles under age 13. Savings are based on cost per day figures as reported in the *January 2021 Criminal and Juvenile Justice Uniform Cost* report. The savings estimate for fiscal year 2022 would be approximately \$5,359,113. The savings estimate for fiscal year 2023 would be approximately \$5,369,077, the savings estimate for fiscal year 2024 would be approximately \$5,383,787, the savings estimate for fiscal year 2025 would be approximately \$5,369,077, and the savings estimate for fiscal year 2026 would be approximately \$5,369,077.

### **Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Admin, 644 Juvenile Justice Department, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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