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

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

**IN RE: HB2795** by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the offense of solicitation of prostitution and certain other consequences of that offense; increasing a criminal penalty; making conforming changes.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend various codes as they relate to the offense of prostitution. Under the provisions of the bill, the punishment for solicitation of prostitution would be increased to a state jail felony or, in the case of previous prostitution offense convictions, to a third-degree felony. Under existing statute, this offense is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or, in the case of previous prostitution offense convictions, as a state jail felony.

The Office of Court Administration and the 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**

The bill would repeal a Class A misdemeanor. 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.

The Texas Association of Counties does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact to counties.

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

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