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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3002 by Burns (Relating to a merchant allowing a person suspected of committing or attempting to commit theft to complete a theft education program.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to allow a retail merchant to offer a person suspected of stealing or attempting to steal from the merchant an opportunity to complete a theft education program instead of reporting the person to law enforcement.

Based on information provided by the Office of Court Administration, any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

This analysis assumes implementing the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact on the demand for state correctional resources. The bill does not expressly create a felony offense, increase the punishment for an existing misdemeanor to that of a felony, increase the punishment for an existing felony offense or category of felony-level offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for felony community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal implication to counties is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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