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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3521 by Hunter (Relating to the definition of coercion for purposes of trafficking of persons.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the definition of coercion for trafficking of persons offenses. Under the provisions of the bill, the definition of coercion would be expanded to include certain circumstances that impairs the ability of a trafficked person with a chemical dependency to appraise the nature of or resist engaging in performing or providing labor or services.

The Office of Court Administration indicates the modifications outlined in the bill's provisions would 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.

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