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TO: Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3718 by Parker (relating to the requirement that certain entities post human trafficking signs; providing a civil penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Texas Government Code relating to the requirement that certain entities post human trafficking signs; providing a civil penalty.

The bill would require that a variety of different entities, including cosmetology facilities, hospitals, hotels, massage establishments, sexually oriented businesses, transportation hubs, state parks, and other recreational sites, to post informative human trafficking signage in conspicuous areas and public restrooms.

The bill would require that the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), in collaboration with the Human Trafficking Coordinating Council, must prescribe by rule the design and content of the signs. The bill would require that signs contain the toll-free phone number and website for human trafficking resources, indicators that a person is a victim of human trafficking, and information regarding services and assistance available to victims of human trafficking in English, Spanish and any other languages that are determined to be appropriate by the OAG and HHSC.

The bill would require the OAG to develop the sign that complies with the requirements of Subsection (b) and make the sign available on the OAG's website to persons required to post a sign under this section and to the public.

Violators of the specified provisions would be given a warning by the OAG for a first time violation and then would be assessed a \$200 fine for each subsequent violation.

This analysis assumes that any additional work resulting from the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within current resources.

According to the Comptroller's Office, the fiscal impact of the bill cannot be determined as the number of cases of noncompliance that would result in penalty revenue is unknown.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 452 Dept of License & Reg, 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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