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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB36 by Zaffirini (Relating to the offense of hazing.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code as it relates to reporting the offense of hazing. A failure to report a hazing incident is a Class B misdemeanor.

According to the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

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

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin

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