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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB2190 by Whitmire (Relating to the prosecution and detention of a juvenile who engages in delinquent conduct or commits a felony offense while committed to the custody of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend various codes as they relate to the prosecution and detention of a juvenile who engages in delinquent conduct or who commits a felony offense while committed to the custody of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. Under the provisions of the bill, youth engaging in certain conduct while committed to a state residential facility would be ineligible for release consideration. The bill would also amend the Family Code to allow a prosecuting attorney to refer a petition to the grand jury for allegations of delinquent conduct that constitutes a felony of the first, second, or third degree that was committed while the child was committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department indicates costs associated with implementing 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.

Source Agencies: 644 Juvenile Justice Department

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