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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB598 by Shaheen (Relating to creating the criminal offense of possession of an animal by a person who has been previously convicted of an offense involving animal cruelty.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would create the offense of possession of an animal by a person who has been previously convicted of certain offenses related to animal cruelty. The offense would be a Class C misdemeanor for first-time offenders and a Class B misdemeanor for repeat offenders. It is assumed that any fiscal impact and any impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources would not be significant.

Local Government Impact

It is assumed that any fiscal impact to units of local government associated with enforcement, prosecution, supervision, or confinement would not be significant.

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