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TO: Honorable Joe Moody, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB844 by Patterson (Relating to the definition of trafficking for purposes of the offense of trafficking of persons.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the definition of "traffic" for purposes of the offense of tracking of persons to include conduct to solicit or patronize another person.

While 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, it would be dependent on the prevalence of conduct that would constitute an offense under the bill.

Local Government Impact

While it is assumed that any fiscal impact to units of local government associated with enforcement, prosecution, supervision, or confinement would not be significant, it would be dependent on the prevalence of conduct that would constitute an offense under the bill.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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