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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1266 by Parker (Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for certain offenses committed in a disaster area or an evacuated area.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would provide for punishment at the next highest category of offense for the felony offenses of smuggling of persons and continuous smuggling of persons and for a minimum 180-day term of confinement for the Class A misdemeanor offense of operation of a stash house if any of the offenses are committed in a disaster or evacuated area.

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. While it is assumed that any state revenue impact would not be significant, it would be dependent on the number of offenses committed and the associated court costs.

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.

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

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