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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1527 by Huffman (Relating to human trafficking, including the prosecution and punishment of compelling and solicitation of prostitution and other sexual or assaultive offenses; increasing a criminal penalty; creating a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill amends the Government Code, Penal Code, and Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to human trafficking, including the prosecution and punishment of compelling and solicitation of prostitution and other sexual or assaultive offenses; increasing a criminal penalty; creating a criminal offense.

The bill adds the Texas Education Agency and Texas Department of Transportation as part of the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council. The bill specifies new reporting requirements for certain reports to the Office of the Attorney General regarding human trafficking.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

It is assumed that any impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources would not be significant.

The Comptroller's Office indicates that although expanding the scope of certain criminal offenses could increase court cost revenue, the fiscal impact to the state cannot be determined.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation, 701 Texas Education Agency

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