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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1970 by Bettencourt (Relating to the prosecution of certain criminal conduct involving a reckless driving exhibition or racing on a highway and to the forfeiture of contraband as a result of a reckless driving exhibition or racing on a highway.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would make the offense of obstructing a highway or passageway if committed while operating a motor vehicle and engaging in a reckless driving exhibition and the offense of racing on a highway subject to penalty enhancement one category higher if the offense is committed while engaging in certain organized criminal activities and would make the property used in the commission of such an offense subject to asset forfeiture.

The Office of Court Administration anticipates no significant fiscal impact to the state court system. It is assumed that 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.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety

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