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TO: Honorable Cole Hefner, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB214 by Guillen (Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offenses of firearm and ammunition smuggling and terrorism.), **As Introduced**

Expanding the conduct constituting an offense may result in increased demands upon state correctional resources due to a possible increase in the number of individuals placed under supervision in the community or sentenced to a term of confinement. The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to the lack of data to estimate the prevalence of conduct outlined in the bill's provisions that would be subject to increased criminal penalties.

The bill would expand conduct constituting the offense of firearm smuggling to include when the person knowingly transports or transfers ammunition that was acquired in violation of the laws of any state or the United States. The bill would expand the conduct constituting terrorism to include certain offenses in the titled categories: inchoate offenses; offenses against the person; against property; against public administration; against public order and decency; against public health, safety, and morals; and organized crime offenses.

The impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources cannot be determined due to the lack of data to estimate the prevalence of conduct outlined in the bill's provisions that would be subject to increased criminal penalties.

Local Government Impact

While the fiscal impact cannot be determined, increasing the penalty for an existing offense may result in increased demands upon local correctional resources due to a possible increase in the number of individuals placed under supervision in the community or sentenced to a term of confinement.

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

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