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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB316 by Perez, Mary Ann (Relating to creating a criminal offense for interfering with a motor fuel metering device or motor fuel unattended payment terminal and the prosecution of certain organized criminal activity.), **As Introduced**

Creating a new criminal offense may result in an increase in 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 a lack of data to estimate the prevalence of conduct outlined in the bill's provisions that would be subject to criminal penalties.

The bill would create the second degree felony offense of interfering with a motor fuel metering device or motor fuel unattended payment terminal and provide for enhanced punishment when committed while engaging in organized criminal activity.

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

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

Local Government Impact

While the fiscal impact to units of local government cannot be determined, creating a new criminal offense may result in an increase in 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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