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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB783 by Lalani (Relating to civil liability for online impersonation.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to the number of new cases that would arise from the provisions of the bill being unknown.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to create a new cause of action that prohibits a person from impersonating another person online in certain circumstances.

The bill would allow injured parties to seek injunctive relief, as well as actual and exemplary damages, and to recover reasonable costs and attorney's fee, if the injured party prevails.

According to the Office of Court Administration, the fiscal implications cannot be determined because the number of new cases that would arise from the provisions of the bill are unknown.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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