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TO: Honorable Pete Flores, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB476 by Middleton (Relating to enhancing the criminal penalty for the offense of intoxication manslaughter in certain circumstances.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would increase the penalty for the offense of intoxicated manslaughter if it is shown at trial that the actor, who had been ordered to drive only a vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device, operated a motor vehicle without the ignition interlock device or while knowing that the device was circumvented or not functioning. The penalty would be increased from a second degree felony to a first degree felony punishable by life imprisonment if the actor was younger than 18 years of age or life without parole if the actor was older than 18 years of age at the time of the offense.

It is assumed that any fiscal impact and 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

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