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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1660 by Huffman (Relating to the retention and preservation of toxicological evidence of certain intoxication offenses.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would direct crime laboratories in possession of toxicological evidence to annually notify prosecutor's offices in the county in which the offense occurred and provide the prosecutor's offices with the date the laboratory received the evidence. The bill would also add certain rules related to the destruction of stored toxicological evidence. Under the provisions of the bill, an entity or individual that stores evidence shall send notice of intent to destroy evidence by certified mail.

According to the Department of Public Safety, there would be cost associated with reporting and notification requirements; however, it is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

According to the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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