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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1727 by Perry (Relating to procedures related to juvenile justice proceedings, the adjudication and disposition of cases involving delinquent conduct, and certain offenses or conduct committed by a child or by a person placed in or committed to certain juvenile facilities; changing the eligibility for community supervision.), **As Engrossed**

Changing discharge outcomes may result in changes in demands upon state and local correctional resources due to a possible change 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.

Among other provisions, the bill would affect the potential discharge outcomes of juveniles who allegedly commit a felony offense or habitual felony offenses (as defined) while at a Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) facility, TJJD halfway house, secure facility, or during a determinate sentence probation to allow for a change in sentence type and in the length of stay as well as the potential immediate transfer to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) without eligibility for community supervision. The bill would authorize the special prosecution unit to participate in certain hearings regarding violations of terms of condition of releases and allows TJJD to request a prosecuting attorney participate in the hearings.

The Office of Court Administration (OCA) indicates the impact to the state court system is not anticipated to be significant.

Local Government Impact

While the fiscal impact cannot be determined, changing discharge outcomes may result in changes in demands upon local correctional resources due to a possible change 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, 644 Juvenile Justice Department, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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