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TO: Honorable Brian Birdwell, Chair, Senate Committee on Border Security

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB2202 by Birdwell (Relating to the trafficking of a firearm to a foreign terrorist organization and to the unlawful transfer of firearms between this state and the United Mexican States; creating a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create the second degree felony offense of trafficking a firearm to a foreign terrorist organization, committed when a person intentionally or knowingly transfers, for profit or other remuneration, a firearm to an individual the person knows is either a member of a foreign terrorist organization or is an individual who intends to transfer the firearm to a member of a foreign terrorist organization.

The bill would expand the scope of the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) statewide program for the prevention and detection of certain criminal offenses to include the bill's newly created offense, extend the conjoint implementation of the program to include the United Mexican States, and require the agency to submit certain additional firearms reporting annually. DPS indicates that the bill's provisions could be implemented with existing resources.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts indicates that the creation of a new felony criminal offense could lead to the prosecution of more cases, potentially increasing state revenue through collected court costs.

It is assumed that 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, 405 Department of Public Safety

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