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TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB3014 by Creighton (Relating to the ability to assess penalties by the Texas Ethics Commission.),
As Introduced

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined because the incidence of violations that would occur under these provisions cannot be estimated.

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to the assessment of civil penalties by the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) for certain missed reporting deadlines. Funds collected from these penalties are deposited to the General Revenue Fund.

According to TEC, the average amount of late-filing penalties over the last four fiscal years was \$279,547.

According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the incidence of violations that would occur under these provisions cannot be estimated and, therefore, the extent to which state revenue would be impacted cannot be estimated.

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, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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