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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB31 by Thompson (Relating to procedures related to juvenile justice proceedings and to the treatment of children detained in or committed to a juvenile facility.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to a lack of data relating to the number of youth that would be impacted. Changing eligibility for certain commitment types and for certain transfers to the adult court system may result in a change in demand upon state correctional resources.

The bill would require the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) to collect certain data and prepare reports regarding the use of chemical dispensing devices and solitary confinement for youth in state secure facilities.

The bill would amend the list of offenses eligible for a waiver of juvenile court jurisdiction for certain youth and would amend a juvenile's eligibility for certain commitment types to TJJD.

The precise fiscal implication to TJJD cannot be determined due to a lack of data relating to the number of youth that would be impacted by the bill's provisions.

Local Government Impact

While local juvenile probation departments may see a positive fiscal impact, the precise fiscal implication to units of local government cannot be determined at this time due to a lack of data relating to the number of youth that would be impacted.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 644 Juvenile Justice Department

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