

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 24, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Terry Keel, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB351** by Dutton (Relating to the admissibility of certain evidence in capital cases in which the state seeks the death penalty.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure regarding the admissibility of testimony and statements in a capital case other than a capital case in which the attorney representing the state has notified the court in writing or in open court that the state will not seek the death penalty. It is assumed that implementation of the bill would not have a significant impact on the costs of state government.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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