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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB540 by Dutton (Relating to standards for judicial review of certain writs of habeas corpus in capital cases.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to change the standard of review for certain writs of habeas corpus in capital cases. The bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives the vote of two-thirds the members in each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 211 Court Of Criminal Appeals, 212 Office Of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 696 Department Of Criminal Justice

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