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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB600 by West (Relating to compensation and expense reimbursement of appointed counsel in certain habeas corpus cases.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to shift payments for counsel appointed prior to September 1, 1999 in death penalty cases from the Court of Criminal Appeals to the convicting court, for which counties receive reimbursements from the state, in an amount up to \$25,000 per case. No net fiscal implication to the state is anticipated because savings to the Court of Criminal Appeals would be offset by costs to the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department for reimbursements to counties. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated because the state reimburses counties for payments made to death penalty counsel appointed by convicting courts, in an amount up to \$25,000 per case.

Source Agencies: 211 Court of Criminal Appeals, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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