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

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB63 by McClendon (Relating to the penalty for evasion of process.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would authorize the district court to impose a fine for contempt of \$500 per day to a witness determined to be willfully evading the service of a grand jury summons or attachment. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005 and apply only to an evasion of service that occurs on or after that date.

Under current statute, a court may impose a fine of up to \$500 total for the act of willfully evading the service of a grand jury summons or attachment.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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