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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: HB172 by Dukes (Relating to ordering criminal defendants to pay restitution on conviction of certain offenses involving the making of a false statement or report.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill provides for financial restitution to a state agency or department for the cost of investigating a false report or false statement. It is assumed that amounts of restitution paid would not be significant. The bill would only apply to a person convicted for making said false statement or false report. The act would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Courts would incur some costs to hold a hearing if the defendant fails to pay restitution, but the number of hearings required is not anticipated to be large.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 405 Department of Public Safety, 530 Department of Family and Protective Services

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