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TO: Honorable Will Hartnett, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary

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

IN RE: HB2111 by Merritt (Relating to certain fees in the administration of the teen court program.),
As Introduced

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would increase the maximum from \$10 to \$20 the teen court administration fees that a court may require a child to pay. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005 and would apply only to teen court fees imposed relating to requests for teen court on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

The potential increase in revenue would vary by teen court depending on how many children to whom the fee would be imposed and whether the court imposes the maximum amount.

For example, the teen court in the City of Wichita Falls imposed a fee on 430 persons in fiscal year 2004. If the court had imposed the current maximum of \$10 and if the collection rate was 100 percent, the court would have experienced a revenue of \$4,300. If the same number of persons are ordered to pay \$20 in fiscal year 2006, the revenue would double to \$8,600, and increase of \$4,300.

The teen court in the City of Beaumont handled 155 persons in fiscal year 2004. At \$10 per person and 100 percent collection, the city would have experienced revenue of \$1,555, which could double in fiscal year 2006 under the provisions of the bill.

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

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