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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: HB2518 by Coleman (Relating to the requirements of a mental health court program.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 616.003 of the Health Safety Code to ensure the right of persons with mental illness to receive counsel before volunteering to participate in a mental health court program. The bill would also provide for the right to withdraw from participation in a mental health court program (before trial begins) and the right to an individualized treatment plan.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 537 Department of State Health Services, 539 Department of Aging and Disability Services

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