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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB3481 by Hope (Relating to the appointment of magistrates in the district courts and statutory county courts in Montgomery County.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would provide for the appointment of magistrates in the district and statutory county courts in Montgomery County, subject to the approval of the Montgomery County Commissioners Court. Montgomery County would pay the salaries of the magistrates, who would perform certain judicial functions under direction of Montgomery County district and statutory county court judges. To the extent the use of local magistrates would reduce the pending caseload in district courts, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

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

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