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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: SB56 by Nelson (Relating to requiring notice before the amount of bail set in certain cases is reduced.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require a judge or magistrate to provide reasonable notice to the prosecuting attorney before reducing the amount of bail set for defendants charged with certain offenses. Upon request from either the prosecuting attorney, the defendant's counsel, or the defendant, the judge or magistrate would be required to provide an opportunity for a hearing concerning the proposed bail reduction. 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

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