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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: SB679 by Duncan (Relating to the procedure for determining the incompetency of a defendant to stand trial.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would make adjustments to the required procedures for determining the incompetency of a defendant to stand trial. One of the changes would be to authorize a court to conduct hearings by means of an electronic broadcast system. The other proposed changes are administrative in nature for the courts and for mental health facilities. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

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

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