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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

IN RE: SB875 by Wentworth (Relating to the reimbursement by certain defendants for the cost of confinement in county jail.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a trial judge to impose as a condition of permitting a defendant to serve a sentence or period of confinement intermittently that the defendant reimburse the county for the cost of the defendant's confinement based on the average daily cost of confining defendants in the county jail as determined by the commissioners court. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005 and would apply only to a defendant who is sentenced on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, statewide the average cost per person per day confined in a county jail is \$36. The cost varies by county and therefore the savings experienced as a result of implementation of the provisions of the bill would vary by county.

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

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