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TO: Honorable Joe Nixon, Chair, House Committee on Civil Practices

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

IN RE: SB890 by Williams (Relating to the amount of recovery in a civil action.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 33 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code relating to the amount of recovery in a civil action. The bill would provide that a claimant's recovery in a civil action is reduced by an amount equal to the sum of the dollar amounts of all settlements. In the event of any conflict, the bill would prevail over other Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes. Because the bill would relate to the calculation of a plaintiff's recovery in a civil action, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in both houses; otherwise, 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, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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