

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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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.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**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. 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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