

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

**IN RE: HB1267** by Pena (Relating to the compensation of counsel appointed to defend an indigent defendant in a criminal proceeding.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the compensation of counsel appointed to defend an indigent defendant in a criminal proceeding. The bill would allow an attorney to appeal a failure to act on the attorney's request for payment 60 days after the request for payment has been submitted. To the extent the bill would amend procedures for compensation of indigent defense counsel, the fiscal implication to the State is not anticipated to be significant. The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. To the extent the bill would amend procedures for compensation of indigent defense counsel, the fiscal implication to units of local government is expected to be minimal.

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