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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on Civil Practices

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

IN RE: HB3281 by King, Phil (Relating to the recovery of medical or health care expenses in civil actions.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to the recovery of medical or health care expenses in a civil action. The bill would provide that in addition to any other limitation under law, recovery of medical or health care expenses incurred is limited to the amount actually paid or incurred by or on behalf of the claimant only for medical liability claims under Chapter 74 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code and not for claims for future medical or health care expenses. To the extent the bill would change guidelines on recoverable amounts in civil actions, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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