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TO: Honorable Aaron Pena, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB3807 by Vaught (Relating to the questioning of prospective jurors during voir dire examination.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the questioning of prospective jurors during voir dire examination. The bill would allow a prosecutor or defense attorney to question a prospective juror on views applicable to a case but would prevent questions that would appear to commit a prospective juror to a particular verdict. To the extent the bill would change procedures for voir dire examinations; 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.

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