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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: SB1780 by Whitmire (Relating to the use of proceeds from criminal asset forfeiture to fund the operation of drug court programs in certain counties.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add subsection (r) to Article 59.06, Code of Criminal Procedure, to require in a county that implements or operates a drug court program under Chapter 469, Health and Safety Code, and in which the attorney representing the state has an agreement with local law enforcement regarding disposition of forfeited property that the attorney deposit into the county treasury 10 percent of the gross amount from a forfeiture credited to the attorney's fund for use to implement or operate the drug court program. The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal impact would vary depending on the amount of forfeited contraband seized per year and the value of the seized property.

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