

**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: HB498** by McClendon (Relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would create the Timothy Cole Texas Innocence Commission to investigate all post-conviction exonerations.

Appointed members of the commission are not entitled to compensation but are entitled to reimbursement of the members' travel expenses. The Texas Legislative Council, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Texas Tech University System shall assist the commission in performing the commission's duties.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 103 Legislative Council, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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