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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB765 by Hartnett (Relating to supplemental payments made to certain statutory probate court judges.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require a county commissioners court to pay a judge of a statutory probate court who has served in that capacity or as a statutory county court judge since August 31, 1995, an additional amount equal to the amount of benefit replacement pay a district judge is entitled to receive from the state for equivalent continuous service. The commissioners court would also be required to pay longevity pay monthly to a statutory probate court judge who has served in that capacity or as a statutory county court judge for at least 16 years an amount equal to the amount of longevity pay a district judge is entitled to receive from the state for equivalent years of service. The longevity pay would be in addition to the judge's monthly salary.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal impact to counties would vary depending on the number of judges to which the provisions of the bill would apply. No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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