

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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**TO:** Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB941** by Dutton (Relating to the determination that certain criminal offenses involve family violence.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the determination that certain criminal offenses involve family violence. According to the Office of Court Administration, the bill would provide that the jury (and not just the judge) may determine whether an offense involves family violence. To the extent the bill would modify judicial proceedings, no increase in judicial workloads or fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

**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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