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TO: Honorable Todd Hunter, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB2132 by Rios Ybarra (Relating to sealing of court records containing identifying financial information or personal identifying information.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to sealing of court records containing identifying financial information or personal identifying information. The bill would provide that a court must seal identifying financial information or personal identifying information, as defined, on request of a party or victim whose information is included in the court's record, unless the court finds good cause not to seal the information. The bill would allow access to the sealed information on court order after notice to the person whose information is sealed and a finding of good cause and in connection with criminal or civil proceedings as otherwise provided by law. To the extent the bill would amend current court procedures, no significant affect on judicial workloads or fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives two-thirds the vote of all members. Otherwise, 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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