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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: HB2236 by Moody (Relating to the right of certain crime victims to be considered with respect to a defendant's motion for continuance.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require courts to consider the impact of a continuance on the crime victim when considering a criminal defendant's motion for continuance if a request for such consideration has been made by the attorney representing the State. The bill would provide that if the continuance is granted, the court would be required to state the reason for the continuance on the record. To the extent the bill would amend court procedures in criminal cases, no significant increase in judicial workloads or fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

To the extent the bill would amend court procedures in criminal cases, no significant increase in judicial workloads or fiscal implication to local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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