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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: HB2465 by Chavez (Relating to taking a deposition of an elderly or disabled victim of or witness to an offense.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to taking a deposition of an elderly or disabled victim of or witness to an offense. The bill concerns the depositions of elderly and disabled persons who are the alleged victims of or witnesses to criminal offenses. In cases in which the State makes an application to take the deposition of such an elderly or disabled person, the court would be required to grant the application and there would be certain time periods within which the State would have to take the deposition. To the extent the bill would modify court proceedings, 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

The bill would require a sheriff to provide a secure location and sufficient law enforcement for a deposition to be taken; however, no significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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