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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: HB2999 by Fletcher (Relating to the exclusion of certain witnesses during a criminal proceeding.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the exclusion of certain witnesses during a criminal proceeding. The bill would allow the prosecuting attorney to designate certain persons to serve as a court room representative during a criminal proceeding. To the extent the bill would amend court procedures on those serving as witnesses, the change is not anticipated to increase the workload of the courts. 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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