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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: HB3246 by Brown, Fred (Relating to the issuance of a writ of attachment in a civil suit for certain sexual assaults.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to the issuance of a writ of attachment in a civil suit for certain sexual assaults. The bill would authorize the issuance of a writ of attachment in personal injury suits based on conduct that constitutes sexual offenses against a child. The bill would provide that the writ may be issued in an amount that the court determines to be appropriate to provide for counseling and medical needs of the plaintiff. To the extent the bill would modify court procedures, no effect on judicial workloads or fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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