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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: HB3915 by Fletcher (Relating to barratry.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to barratry. The bill would authorize the client of an attorney with whom the client had entered a contingent fee contract procured as a result of barratry to recover the amount paid to the attorney plus additional damages in a civil suit. To the extent the bill would modify court procedures, no affect 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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