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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB445 by Wentworth (Relating to juror questions and juror note-taking during civil trials.),
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 juror questions and juror note-taking during civil trials. The bill would require the Supreme Court to adopt rules regarding submission of written questions and note-taking by jurors. To the extent the bill would amend court procedures, the rules changes are 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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