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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB274 by Creighton (Relating to the reform of certain remedies and procedures in civil actions and family law matters.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code and Civil Practice and Remedies Code to reform certain remedies and procedures in civil litigation including attorney's fees, early dismissal, expedited trials, appeals, and settlement offers.

The Supreme Court would be required to adopt rules regarding an expedited and fair resolution of non-meritorious cases. The bill would provide that certain rules adopted would not apply to an action under the Family Code.

The bill would repeal Section 33.004(e) of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code.

The Office of Court Administration indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

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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