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TO: Honorable Jim Jackson, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB417 by Anchia (Relating to provision of notice regarding and limitation of attorney's fees for services provided in connection with the making of a wrongful imprisonment claim.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Department of Criminal Justice to provide wrongfully imprisoned persons with guidance in obtaining compensation and information regarding advocacy groups. The bill would also limit fee agreements between attorneys and wrongfully imprisoned persons and would require the Comptroller of Public Accounts to establish the maximum hourly rate for these fee agreements by January 1, 2012. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Comptroller of Public Accounts anticipate no significant fiscal impact from this bill.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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