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TO: Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB1489 by Naishtat (Relating to an oral statement regarding the impact of an offense in certain cases involving a violent crime.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to provide that after a court's finding of guilt but before sentencing, the court would allow a victim of the crime to make an oral statement about the offense and the effect of the offense on the victim. This provision would not apply if a jury were to assess punishment. To the extent a court's allowing an oral statement (and a rebuttal to inaccuracies) will lengthen court proceedings, no significant fiscal implication is anticipated for the court system or the state. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

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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