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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: HB2437 by Sheets (Relating to an award of litigation costs after the rejection of certain settlement offers.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to require a court, upon request, to conduct a hearing for an award of litigation costs. The bill also would require litigation costs awarded to a defendant not to exceed the amount of a defendant's most recent settlement offer.

According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), although the court would be required to hold a hearing upon request, the provisions would not appreciably increase the court's time; therefore, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

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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