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TO: Honorable Chris Harris, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: SB1236 by West (Relating to the reduction and confirmation of child support arrearages and an incentive program to encourage payment of arrearages.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code relating to the reduction and confirmation of child support arrearages and to an incentive program to encourage payment of arrearages. According to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the Child Support Division would need to make policy and training revisions, as well as conduct outreach efforts to non-custodial parents. In addition, the child support automated system would need to be modified to track cases and eligible collections to apply the appropriate credit as provided under bill amendments. However, the OAG reports that any additional work as a result of the passage of this legislation could be absorbed with current resources. Further it is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will significantly impact upon the operation of the courts. Accordingly, no significant fiscal implication to the state is anticipated. 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, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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