

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 15, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB899** by Perry (Relating to certain rights of victims, guardians of victims, and close relatives of deceased victims in the criminal justice system.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would provide that in capital murder cases, a close relative of the deceased victim or guardian of a victim may decline to be contacted by the defendant/defendant's attorney's victim outreach specialist. The close relative or guardian may designate a victim service provider to receive all communications from any victim outreach specialist. The close relative or guardian may have the attorney representing the state notify the defendant/defendant's attorney of the close relative's or guardian's decisions on these matters.

**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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