

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

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

**April 5, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB2258** by Moody (Relating to the confidentiality of certain witness names listed in an indictment.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would allow the use of a pseudonym in an indictment instead of the name of the witness if nine members of the grand jury vote that disclosing the name of the witness would place the witness in danger of retaliation, or if the attorney representing the state claims the identity of informer privilege under existing Texas Rule of Evidence 508.

**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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