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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3517** by Carter (Relating to requiring a jury to consider a victim impact statement before assessing punishment in a criminal case.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require a judge or jury to consider a victim impact statement, if one has been received in the case, before assessing punishment in a criminal case. The change in law would apply only to an offense committed on or after the bill's effective date. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

The Office of Court Administration does not anticipate any significant fiscal impact to the court system resulting from the bill.

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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