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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB592 by Ellis (Relating to the representation of indigent defendants in criminal cases.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to change certain reporting requirements to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission. The bill requires that certain counties submit information annually on certain attorney caseloads for the preceding fiscal year. The Office of Court Administration does not anticipate a significant cost to the agency or to the statewide court system resulting from the bill.

The bill would take effect January 1, 2014.

Local Government Impact

Annual reports on attorney caseloads will have to be prepared by counties, resulting in an additional workload; however, fiscal impact to units of local government is not anticipated to be significant.

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