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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB277** by Ashby (Relating to capital murder of a prosecuting attorney or an assistant prosecuting attorney.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code to enhance the punishment for the offense of murder to a capital felony if committed with retaliatory intent against certain prosecuting attorneys. Murder is currently punishable as a second degree or first degree felony, depending on the circumstances. A capital felony is currently punishable by death or life in prison without parole. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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