

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

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

**IN RE: HB452** by Alonzo (Relating to pretrial hearings in criminal cases.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require courts to set pretrial hearings in criminal cases other than Class C misdemeanors if requested by the defendant and to rule on all pending pretrial motions at that hearing.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

While cases involving pre-trial hearings could be significantly more costly, the Office of Court Administration does not anticipate a substantial number of defendants requesting pre-trial hearings and hence do not anticipate a significant fiscal impact on counties.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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