

**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: HB1812** by Alvarado (Relating to grants awarded to reimburse counties for the cost of monitoring defendants and victims in criminal cases involving family violence.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1812, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$2,210,232) through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2016	(\$1,105,116)
2017	(\$1,105,116)
2018	(\$1,105,116)
2019	(\$1,105,116)
2020	(\$1,105,116)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</b>
	<b>1</b>
2016	(\$1,105,116)
2017	(\$1,105,116)
2018	(\$1,105,116)
2019	(\$1,105,116)
2020	(\$1,105,116)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend Government Code to create a grant program for monitoring defendants and victims in family violence cases. The bill would require the Criminal Justice Division in the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor to establish program guidelines and provide

grants to reimburse counties who participate in certain global positioning monitoring systems. The bill would require a biennial report on the grant program.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving two-thirds majority vote in each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

### **Methodology**

According to the Office of Court Administration's Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Statistical Report for the Texas Judiciary, there were 7,395 family violence cases filed for indictment in FY2013. Using that data, the Office of the Governor estimates five percent, approximately 370 cases, would rise to level that GPS monitoring would be warranted.

The Office of the Governor estimates daily costs for monitoring and supervision of the GPS Device is \$16.52 ( $\$16.52 \times 370 \text{ cases} = \$6,112.40/\text{day}$ ). The Office of the Governor assumes each case will require 90 days of monitoring ( $90 \text{ days} \times \$6,112.40/\text{day} = \$550,116$ ). In addition, each GPS unit costs approximately \$1,500 ( $\$1,500 \times 370 \text{ cases} = \$555,000$ ). The total cost for the unit and monitoring would be \$1,105,116 per fiscal year.

The Office of the Governor indicates that any costs associated with the administration of the program could be absorbed within existing resources.

### **Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 301 Office of the Governor

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