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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2159** by Moody (Relating to requiring the payment of restitution as a condition of community supervision for offenses involving family violence committed in the presence of certain children.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure regarding the payment of restitution as a condition of community supervision for offenses involving family violence committed in the presence of a child under the age of 15. The bill would require the court to determine the existence of a child witness from the charging instrument or other evidence before the court; order restitution for the payment of medical, psychiatric, and psychological care for the child witness, and specify manner of payment. The bill would consider the restitution order as a civil action for purposes of enforcement and would permit the court to modify the restitution order in a subsequent 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

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304
Comptroller of Public Accounts

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