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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3415** by Canales (Relating to the award of court costs, storage fees, and attorney's fees in a criminal asset forfeiture proceeding.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require a court under certain specified conditions to order a law enforcement agency that seized certain property to reimburse the owner of the seized property for any court costs, storage fees, and reasonable attorney's fees using funds established under Article 59.06(c) for the benefit of law enforcement services. It is assumed any costs associated with the implementation of the bill could be absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

There would be costs to local law enforcement agencies to reimburse applicable owner or interest holder for court costs, storage fees, and reasonable attorney's fees. However, fiscal impact would vary depending on the number of applicable cases.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 405
Department of Public Safety

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