

**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:** **HB3724** by Herrero (Relating to the consideration of certain scientific evidence constituting the basis for an application for a writ of habeas corpus.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure regarding a court's consideration of scientific evidence in granting relief on an application for a writ of habeas corpus. The bill would add an additional factor that a court must consider. This factor is if an expert's opinion who testified at the trial on relevant scientific evidence has changed their opinion of the scientific evidence since the trial date. 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

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