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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB487 by Ellis (Relating to postconviction forensic DNA analysis.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, relating to post conviction DNA analysis. The bill would authorize a motion and order for DNA-testing of evidence when there is a reasonable likelihood of the evidence containing biological material.

The Office of Court Administration indicates that bill provisions are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication on the court system. In this analysis, it is assumed the Department of Public Safety could reasonably absorb bill provisions within the department's 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, 405
Department of Public Safety

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