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TO: Honorable Joe Moody, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB310 by Herrero (Relating to certain sentencing procedures in a capital case.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would remove provisions prohibiting the court, prosecutor, defendant, and defendant's counsel from informing a juror or prospective juror that a jury's failure to agree on answers to certain questions results in a sentence of life without parole and would remove provisions requiring a judge to provide certain information as identified in the bill to jurors when charging the jury. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 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, 696
Department of Criminal Justice

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