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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB147 by Dutton (Relating to the extent of a defendant's criminal responsibility for the conduct of a coconspirator in certain felony cases.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure as it relates to procedures in capital felony cases. Under the provisions of the bill, a death sentence could not be sought or imposed on a defendant whose liability for a capital felony offense was based solely on the capital felony occurring in furtherance of a conspiracy to commit another felony offense in which the defendant was a co-conspirator.

This analysis assumes implementing the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant fiscal impact on the Office of Court Administration.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017 and would apply only to offenses committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

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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