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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1967** by Moody (relating to the creation of an innocence project grant program.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to allow the Texas Indigent Defense Commission to award grants to any Texas law school for the purpose of investigating claims of post-conviction innocence. The bill would allow a law school that receives such a grant to contract with a Texas-based non-profit that operates an innocence project. Duties and responsibilities associated with the bill could be implemented with 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, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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