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

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IN RE: HB300 by Murr (Relating to inquest summary reports and the preservation of evidence collected in the course of an inquest.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to eliminate the requirement that a justice of the peace deliver inquest evidence to the district court for safekeeping and repeals the provision that requires a justice of the peace to certify and deliver in a sealed envelope a certified copy of a post-inquest summary report to the district clerk.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives two-thirds of all members elected to each house or on September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

According to the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas, no significant fiscal impact on counties is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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