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TO: Honorable Nicole Collier, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB300 by Murr (Relating to inquest summary reports certified by justices of the peace.),
As Introduced

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would repeal a Code of Criminal Procedure provision that requires a justice of the peace to certify and deliver in a sealed envelop 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 Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal implication to counties is anticipated. The bill is expected to generate cost savings for county justice courts and district court clerks by eliminating the requirement to deliver and retain certified copies of inquest reports.

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

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