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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: HB1457 by Dominguez (Relating to the eligibility of certain attorneys to be employed by a public defender's office.), **As Introduced**

<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 permit public defender offices to hire privately-employed criminal defense attorneys to represent indigent persons in appearances before a magistrate. 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 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house or on September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal impact to counties is anticipated.

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

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