

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE:** **HB2826** by Bonnen, Greg (relating to procurement of a contingent fee contract for legal services by certain governmental entities.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend Chapter 2254 of the Government Code, regarding state and local contracts for legal services.

The bill would make political subdivisions of this state subject to the provisions of Subchapter C, regarding contingent fee contracts for legal services. The bill would impose certain additional restrictions on a contingent fee contract awarded by a political subdivision. The bill would require that the Attorney General approve such a contingent fee contract before it could take effect. The bill would repeal Section 403.0305 to conform with the provisions of the bill.

This analysis assumes any costs to the Office of the Attorney General could be absorbed within current resources.

**Local Government Impact**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time. According to the Texas Association of Counties, the local government fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined because the number of contracts are unknown. Depending on the number of contracts, there would be an indeterminate fiscal cost.

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