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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: HB4441 by Neave (Relating to requests for certain information by the Office of Court Administration), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB4441, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$90,450) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds |
|--------------------|---|
| 2020 | (\$90,450) |
| 2021 | \$0 |
| 2022 | \$0 |
| 2023 | \$0 |
| 2024 | \$0 |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund |
|--------------------|--|
| 2020 | (\$90,450) |
| 2021 | \$0 |
| 2022 | \$0 |
| 2023 | \$0 |
| 2024 | \$0 |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Texas Judicial Council (TJC) to collect statistics related to number and type of offenses for which a court authorized prosecution of a state jail felony offense as a Class A misdemeanor; the number and type of offenses for which the

court reduced punishment from a felony to a misdemeanor; and the number of defendants placed into pretrial diversion or pretrial intervention programs.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Methodology

According to the Office of Court Administration, one-time programming costs of \$90,450 in fiscal year 2020 would be necessary to upgrade OCA's court activity report database to include the additional court statistics required to be collected under the provisions of the bill.

Technology

OCA estimates one-time programming costs of \$90,450 in fiscal year 2020 to implement the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal implication to county governments is anticipated.

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

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