

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE:** **SB1293** by Zaffirini (Relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to employ attorneys as mental health public defenders and to the reimbursement of an attorney who represents an indigent proposed patient in certain mental health proceedings.), **As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to authorize the commissioners court of a county to employ attorneys as mental health public defenders and to authorize reimbursement for attorneys representing the proposed patient.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties, the bill would not have a significant impact on counties.

**Source Agencies:**

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