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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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IN RE: **SB1293** by Zaffirini (relating to the authority of certain courts 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.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to authorize the commissioners courts of certain counties to employ attorneys as mental health public defenders and to authorize reimbursement for attorneys representing the proposed patient. The bill would require these counties to supply representation for proposed patients.

Local Government Impact

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

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