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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:** SB1755 by Creighton (Relating to the status of certain medical residents and fellows as governmental employees for purposes of the Texas Tort Claims Act.), **As Engrossed**

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

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to include qualifying medical residents and fellows in a graduate medical training program in the classification of government employees under the Texas Tort Claims Act, regardless of the method or source of payment of the resident or fellow. The Office of the Attorney General reports that expanding the definition of government employees could result in some additional litigation involving tort claims of residents and fellows in graduate medical training programs, but it is anticipated that the volume of cases would be small and could be absorbed utilizing existing resources. It is assumed that the bill would result in no significant fiscal impact to the state court system, based on information provided by the Office of Court Administration.

The bill would take effect immediately if it received a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each chamber of the Legislature. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**        212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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