

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB275** by Moody (Relating to an application for a writ of habeas corpus based on certain relevant scientific evidence that was not available at the applicant's trial.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedures to allow a court to grant a convicted person relief on an application for a writ of habeas corpus if the court finds that relevant scientific evidence not available at the time of the convicted person's trial would have resulted in a different punishment.

According to the Office of Court Administration, while the number of additional writs that would be filed cannot be determined, the total is not anticipated to be significant and no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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