

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Nicole Collier, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB489** by Wu (Relating to providing certain information to criminal defendants before a plea is entered or before the defendant elects to have punishment assessed by a jury.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require courts, before accepting a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere for an offense punishable as a felony, to admonish the defendant of their right to have a judge or jury assess punishment in the case; the effect of each right on the punishment range; and the effect of each on eligibility for community supervision.

Based on information provided by the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated as a result from implementing the provisions of the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal impact to counties is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Admin, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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