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TO: Honorable Nicole Collier, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2864 by Collier (Relating to the governance and administration of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission and to certain disclosures made in relation to the provision of funding for indigent defense services.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to add two new members to the governing board of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission. Under the bill's provisions, the governor would appoint a director of a managed assigned counsel program and a justice of the peace, municipal court judge, or an appointed magistrate who regularly presides at hearings held under Article 15.17, Code of Criminal Procedure, also known as magistration. The bill would also remove the code provision that allows the chief public defender member of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission to select a designee to serve on the board.

Based on information provided by the Office of Court Administration, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources. In addition, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated as a result from implementing the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

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

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