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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3505 by White (Relating to authorizing a court to require defendants confined in a penal institution to appear by videoconference in criminal cases.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to provide that a court may require a defendant, without the defendant's consent, to appear for any proceeding related to the prosecution of a criminal offense by videoconferencing in the manner described by Article 27.18 if the defendant is confined in a penal institution at the time of the proceeding.

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

While the bill may result in some savings to courts related to the transfer of inmates back to a courtroom, no significant fiscal impact to local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin

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