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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4502 by Smithee (relating to court security, including the development of a court emergency management plan, the duties and composition of a court security committee, and increasing the criminal penalty for harassment of a court employee or judge.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to the unknown number of offenses which would be subject to enhanced penalties under the provisions of the bill.

The impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources cannot be determined due to the lack of data to identify the number of offenses committed against court personnel or a judge which would be subject to enhanced penalties under the bill's provisions.

According to the Office of Court Administration, any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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