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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence
FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2783 by Smithee (Relating to the assessment of litigation costs and attorney fees in certain lawsuits under the public information law.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require a court to award costs and attorney's fees to a plaintiff who substantially prevails or to whom the governmental body voluntarily releases the requested information after the suit is filed. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing 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

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