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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB527 by Birdwell (Relating to a defendant's payment of costs associated with a court-appointed counsel.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to permit a court to require a defendant who was appointed counsel to repay the cost of legal services in certain circumstances. The Office of Court Administration has indicated that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished within 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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