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

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB498 by McClendon (Relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create the Timothy Cole Texas Innocence Commission to investigate all post-conviction exonerations.

Appointed members of the commission are not entitled to compensation but are entitled to reimbursement of the members' travel expenses. The Texas Legislative Council and the Legislative Budget Board shall assist the commission in performing the commission's duties.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 103 Legislative Council, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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