

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB810** by Harris (Relating to the regulation of social workers; providing a criminal penalty. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Chapter 505, Occupations Code, and would reorganize the levels of licensure for licensed social workers, to be effective September 1, 2004. The bill would expand the practice of social work and would require the Texas Board of Social Worker Examiners to define by rule a statute of limitations on the filing of complaints.

The Department of Health (TDH), in consultation with The Texas Board of Social Worker Examiners, indicates the bill would have no significant fiscal impact to TDH or the board. TDH states that the costs associated with the generation of new licenses and consumer awareness are considered essential and routine components of the regulatory function.

The effective date of the bill is September 1, 2003.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 501 Department of Health

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