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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Insurance

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

IN RE: HB712 by Eissler (relating to coverage for certain mental disorders in children under a health coverage plan established by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas under the Texas School Employees Uniform Group Health Coverage Act.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to change coverage provisions of the Texas School Employees Uniform Group Health Coverage Act, which is administered by the Teacher Retirement System as TRS-ActiveCare. The bill would require that certain coverage provisions include anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa in children under the same terms and conditions as for physical illnesses. The bill would affect coverage for participants in the TRS-ActiveCare plan for active school employees and their dependents.

The bill would have no direct fiscal impact on the Teacher Retirement System which administers TRS-ActiveCare because this insurance plan is self-funded. Any additional costs to the plan would be negligible.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 323 Teacher Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance

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