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TO: Honorable Allan Ritter, Chair, House Committee on Economic Development

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

IN RE: HB2959 by Paxton (Relating to the use of federal child care and development block grant funds by local workforce development boards.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The provisions of the bill repeal two sections of the Government Code by removing the requirement to pay higher reimbursement rates to Texas Rising Start (TRS) providers and by removing the requirement for workforce boards to dedicate child care funds to maintain TRS providers.

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, workforce boards would be able to provide child care to more children from qualified working poor families.

TWC indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 320 Texas Workforce Commission

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