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TO: Honorable Rodney Ellis, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

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

IN RE: SB1644 by Shapleigh (Relating to the TexasOnline project, the TexasOnline Authority, and related powers and fees.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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| <p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p> |
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The bill requires that the TexasOnline Authority may not charge a subscription fee for a service until the service is available on the Internet. The bill requires that TexasOnline Authority members to complete training regarding the TexasOnline Authority's role, rules, programs, and budget.

The bill permits the TexasOnline Authority to set fees that a state agency, including the TexasOnline Authority, or a local government can charge for a TexasOnline transaction. The bill requires that the TexasOnline Authority set fees in an amount sufficient to recover costs. This could result in additional costs to state agencies and users of TexasOnline due to any increase in fees charged for TexasOnline services.

The bill would allow the Texas Department of Public Safety to require vehicle inspection stations to use TexasOnline for certain purposes.

The bill repeals provisions creating the TexasOnline Division. Through the repealer, the bill continues to permit licensing entities to increase the occupational license issuance or renewal fees up to \$5 for an annual license or \$10 for a biennial license.

Local Government Impact

There could be additional costs to local government entities that use TexasOnline due to any increase in fees charged for TexasOnline services.

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