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TO: Honorable Bill Callegari, Chair, House Committee on Government Reform

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IN RE: HB665 by Dukes (Relating to the sharing of client information among certain state agencies.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require participating state agencies, including the Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of State Health Services, the Department of Family and Protective Services, the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Office of Rural Community Affairs, the Texas Veterans Commission, and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, to share information relating to an individual who receives or has received social services, mental health services, substance abuse services, or health services from that agency.

The bill would establish an Interagency Coordinating Council for Data Sharing, which includes a public member, the executive director of the Department of Information Resources or that persons' designee, the executive head of each of the participating agencies or their designee, and the executive head of each state agency, if any, that chooses to share information with the participating agencies or that person's designee.

The bill would require the Interagency Coordinating Council for Data Sharing to adopt policies and procedures designed to facilitate the interagency coordination of information systems including the creation of standards for sharing information electronically under appropriate controls to ensure that confidential information remains confidential.

The bill would require that each agency represented on the Interagency Coordinating Council for Data Sharing to provide the staff and administrative support necessary for the council to perform its duties.

The bill would require not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year, each participating agency and each state agency that chooses to share information to report to the Interagency Coordinating Council for Data Sharing regarding the agency's implementation of the policies and procedures adopted by the council.

The bill would require that not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the Interagency Coordinating Council for Data Sharing shall evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the information sharing system.

It is assumed the increased workload for participating agencies could be absorbed using existing state resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 313 Department of Information Resources, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 332 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 357 Office of Rural Community Affairs, 403 Veterans Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 538 Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Department of, 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of, 665 Juvenile Probation Commission, 694 Youth Commission, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 701 Central Education Agency

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