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TO: Honorable Leo Berman, Chair, House Committee on Elections

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

IN RE: HB1735 by Truitt (Relating to ethics training for legislators.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1735, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$47,754) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	(\$43,075)
2009	(\$4,679)
2010	(\$43,075)
2011	(\$4,679)
2012	(\$43,075)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1
2008	(\$43,075)
2009	(\$4,679)
2010	(\$43,075)
2011	(\$4,679)
2012	(\$43,075)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require ethics training for members and members-elect of the legislature be delivered through a variety of means, including seminars, digital versatile discs (DVDs), transmission over the internet, or in another appropriate electronic manner.

Methodology

The Ethics Commission indicates that implementation of the bill would necessitate a contract with a vendor to provide training DVDs and periodic updating of the agency website related to on-line training information, additional legal services related to reviewing ethics training material, and additional costs associated with postage for mailing training material. The agency indicates that the cost associated with these provisions would be \$43,075 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2008 and \$4,679 in fiscal year 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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