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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

IN RE: SB44 by Nelson (Relating to the provision of intervention or counseling services to certain persons who have committed family violence and to a process for accrediting those services.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The committee substitute adds new language that the community justice assistance division (CJAD), Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), shall award contracts for battering intervention and prevention (BIP) programs that are operated by nonprofit organizations. Also, the substitute specifies that TDCJ shall not use funds appropriated by the Legislature for statewide allocation of grants to local nonprofit organizations for battering intervention and prevention programs.

CJAD states that for estimation purposes, 5 additional FTEs would be needed to implement the initiative at a cost of approximately \$263,228. It is assumed that these costs can be absorbed within the agencies current appropriations.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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