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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

IN RE: SB570 by Deuell (Relating to the regional emergency medical dispatch resource centers program.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The provisions of the bill expands the Emergency Medical Dispatch Resource Center pilot authorized by Senate Bill 523 of the 79th Legislature to establish a permanent program utilizing emergency medical dispatchers in a resource center to provide life-saving and other emergency medical instructions to persons who need guidance while awaiting the arrival of emergency medical personnel, particularly in areas with prolonged emergency response time.

It is assumed the program will be phased in, with emergency medical dispatcher seats expanded as funding allows, to address expanding participation. The provisions of the bill authorizes other state funds for the program to support the activity proposed, including grants and fees.

Currently, The University of Texas Medical Branch is appropriated \$150,000 for the 2006-07 biennium for this program. The University of Texas System estimates there would be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 477 Commission on State Emergency Communications, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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