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TO: Honorable Kip Averitt, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

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

IN RE: HB2783 by Anchia (Relating to the adoption of energy efficient building standards and energy efficiency and conservation standards for instructional facilities.), **Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code regarding Texas building energy performance standards. It is assumed that any additional costs associated with the implementation of the bill could be absorbed within existing state resources.

The bill would require the Energy Systems Laboratory of the Texas A&M System to conduct a study of outdoor lighting used by state agencies, and to submit the studies to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each standing committee of the legislature that has jurisdiction over electric utilities by September 1, 2010. Based on the analysis of the Energy Systems Laboratory of the Texas A&M System, it is assumed that the agency could absorb the costs associated with the bill within current resources.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require local governmental authorities to establish procedures for the administration and enforcement of codes adopted by the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). Local governmental entities would be required to adopt local amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), and energy efficiency provisions of the International Residential Code (IRC). Under current law, local entities are required to adhere to provisions relating to IECC and IRC. The bill would require local entities to consider the revised codes of IECC and IRC that are adopted after May 1, 2009. The fiscal impact to local entities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill is not anticipated to be significant.

The bill would amend the Education Code to require SECO to adopt energy efficiency and conservation standards for design, construction, and major renovation of schools that a school district could adopt or use to achieve long-term savings in energy and water costs, and assist school districts in obtaining state and federal funds to implement the standards by July 1, 2010. The fiscal impact to school districts could be significant to comply with the provision, but would vary depending on the energy efficiency standards currently being followed, and the amount of state and federal funding a school district received.

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