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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: SB2556 by Huffman (Relating to confidentiality of information regarding certain agents.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends the Texas Public Information Code by adding a section which excludes information pertaining to biological agents or toxins identified in federal law from categories of publicly accessible information. Excluded information includes the location, security protections, use or intended use of these agents and the identity of individuals authorized to possess, use or access these biological agents or toxins.

The bill takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, or September 1, 2009 if a two-thirds vote is not achieved.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 401 Adjutant General's Department, 758 Texas State University System, 405

Department of Public Safety, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 709 Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 712 Texas Engineering Experiment Station, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 783 University

of Houston System Administration

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