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**TO:** Honorable Wayne Smith, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

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

**IN RE: HB240** by Parker (Relating to requiring the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to adopt rules preventing accidental or unintentional access to on-site sewage disposal systems. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to adopt rules relating to the operation of on-site sewage disposal systems that prevent accidental or unintentional access to such systems, including requiring risers and covers of on-site sewage disposal systems installed after September 1, 2012. Although the bill could result in an increased workload to the TCEQ because it could require additional consideration in its review of proposed systems and enforcement activities, this estimate assumes that the additional costs could be absorbed using existing agency resources.

**Local Government Impact**

Local governments that administer the On-Site Sewage Facilities Program could see an increase in workload relating to plan review and enforcement, this estimate does not assume that the agency would adopt rules requiring that all existing systems to be modified, resulting in no significant fiscal implications to local governments.

**Source Agencies:** 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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