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TO: Honorable Ryan Guillen, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

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

IN RE: HB673 by Parker (Relating to the production and use of an instructional video on recreational water safety.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend portions of the Parks and Wildlife Code to mandate that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) produce a recreational water safety video suitable for high school students. The video must include instructions on the safe participation in recreational activities around: lakes, rivers, and coastal waters and TPWD may edit the content in compliance with certain federal standards. TPWD must notify the Texas Education Agency (TEA) when the video is available. TPWD reports a one-time expense of \$12,000 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 to research, develop, produce, script and edit an approximately 12-minute long video; however, this analysis assumes that these costs could be reasonably absorbed within the department's existing resources. The bill would require TEA to adopt rules and incorporate a recreational water safety module into the driver training program. TEA reports a one-time cost of \$17,000 from General Revenue to incorporate the module; similarly, this analysis assumes that these costs could be reasonably absorbed within TEA's existing resources. The bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives two-thirds the vote of all members in both houses. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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