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TO: Honorable Sid Miller, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

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

IN RE: HB1075 by Anderson, Rodney (Relating to the consolidation of certain alert systems into a single statewide alert system and to the addition of other factors that will prompt an alert under the consolidated system.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to include “missing incapacitated persons” as additional criteria that would trigger an Amber alert. The bill would rename the “Statewide AMBER Alert System for Abducted Children” as the “Statewide Alert System and Missing Incapacitated Persons”. The bill includes provisions for local law enforcement agencies and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to implement the alerts.

According to DPS, the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that Texas law enforcement agencies entered 1,458 missing disabled persons into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) in calendar year 2010. However, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) indicates it is unknown how many of these persons would qualify as incapacitated persons as defined by the bill. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation

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