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TO: Honorable Leticia Van de Putte, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

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

IN RE: HB1784 by Farias (Relating to requiring an interagency memorandum of understanding regarding the Public Assistance Reporting Information System and to the use of data from that system.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would implement a recommendation related to the report, "Use Federal Data to Help Veterans Access Federal Benefits and Save State Funds" in the Legislative Budget Board's Government Effectiveness and Efficiency Report submitted to the Eighty-second Texas Legislature, 2011.

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS), Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), and the Veterans' Land Board (VLB) to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) by December 1, 2011. Through the MOU, HHSC, DADS, TVC, and VLB would coordinate the collecting, use, and analysis of information and data received from the federal Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS), work jointly to assist veterans in maximizing their federal benefits, and report to the Legislative Budget Board and the governor about PARIS' use by October 1, 2012. HHSC and TVC may also jointly determine the geographic scope of use of PARIS data.

It is assumed entering into a memorandum of understanding by HHSC, DADS, TVC, and VLB would not result in significant fiscal impact to each agency. Savings may be generated to the Medicaid program as a result of the analysis of PARIS data by assisting Medicaid veterans to receive compensation and health care for which they are entitled from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, however no estimate can be determined until the PARIS program has been operational for at least one biennium.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 403 Veterans Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of

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