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TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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

IN RE: HB2591 by Perry (Relating to exemptions to the licensing and regulation of chemical dependency counselors.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend Chapter 504, Occupations Code, relating to the licensing and regulation of chemical dependency counselors, by providing an exemption to licensing requirements for persons with certain credentials who provide services through a program or in a facility that receives funding from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2011.

The Department of State Health Services indicates that implementation of the bill could be accomplished with existing resources; however, the bill could result in an undetermined loss of revenue to the state from licensure fees paid by those counselors who would no longer be required to hold a chemical dependency counselor license.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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