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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

IN RE: SB917 by Wentworth (Relating to emergency service districts.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB917, As Engrossed: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Probable Savings/ (Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Appropriated Receipts</i> 666	Probable Savings/ (Cost) from <i>Appropriated Receipts</i> 666
2012	\$83,252	(\$83,252)	\$30,000	(\$30,000)
2013	\$83,252	(\$83,252)	\$30,000	(\$30,000)
2014	\$83,252	(\$83,252)	\$30,000	(\$30,000)
2015	\$83,252	(\$83,252)	\$30,000	(\$30,000)
2016	\$83,252	(\$83,252)	\$30,000	(\$30,000)

Fiscal Year	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2011
2012	1.0
2013	1.0
2014	1.0
2015	1.0
2016	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code relating to emergency service districts. The bill would change the creation process, the consolidation process, and the requirements of commissioners

of overlapping emergency service districts (ESDs). The bill would require the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) not later than June 1, 2012, to determine the necessary ESD board member training, provide the training, and approve any training course provided by another entity. The bill would require TDRA to collect a fee for the training courses to recover the cost of implementing the program.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members of each house, or on September 1, 2011 if it does not receive the two-thirds vote.

Methodology

Based on the analysis provided by TDRA, implementation of this bill would require 1 additional FTE to provide the services to the ESDs at a cost of \$83,252 in General Revenue and \$30,000 in Appropriated Receipts from funding TDRA assumes it would receive from the Meadows Foundation. This analysis assumes that the funding from the Meadows Foundation would be available each fiscal year of 2012 through 2016. Each year, the 1 FTE would cost \$50,000 for salaries and wages with associated benefit costs of \$14,483, travel costs of \$35,379, other personnel costs and professional services of \$2,904, utilities cost of \$2,800, and telephone, consumables, rent, and other operating expenses of \$7,686. Based on the analysis provided by TDRA, it is assumed that the fee would generate revenue of \$83,252 each fiscal year of 2012 through 2016 to recover the cost of implementing the program.

Technology

No significant technology impact is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 357 Texas Department of Rural Affairs

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