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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

IN RE: SB1154 by Uresti (Relating to a task force for the development of a strategy to reduce child abuse and neglect and improve child welfare.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would re-establish a nine-member task force to develop a strategy for reducing child abuse and neglect and improving child welfare. The members would be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660, Government Code, and the General Appropriations Act. Seven state agencies would be required to provide administrative support and to share equally in the costs of the task force. The bill would also create a new GR Account--Child Abuse Reduction Task Force. The GR account would receive gifts and grants; interest earned on money held in the account; and money received from federal, state, or local governments. Money in the account could be appropriated only to the task force. The bill would take effect immediately with a two-thirds vote of all members of each house, or on September 1, 2011. The task force would be abolished and the law would expire on September 1, 2013.

The bill would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either within or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

It is assumed any cost to implement the provisions of the bill would be minimal and can be absorbed within available resources. The bill's revenue implications cannot be determined.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 665 Juvenile Probation Commission, 694 Youth Commission, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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