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TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

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

IN RE: SB1414 by Duncan (Relating to sexual abuse and child molestation training for volunteers and employees of certain programs for minors held on campuses of institutions of higher education; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 141, Health and Safety Code, relating to youth camps. The bill would define a campus program for minors, and would require that employees and volunteers that have contact with campers successfully complete the campus program for minors training and examination program or provide documentation that they have completed the training within the preceding two years. The bill would require that program operators submit to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) verification that all employees have complied with these requirements. The bill would authorize DSHS to assess a fee in the amount necessary to cover the costs of administering this section.

By December 1, 2011, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall establish criteria and guidelines for the training and examination program on sexual abuse and child molestation as required by the bill. Providers are not required to comply with the requirements in the bill before June 1, 2012.

Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, HHSC and the Department of Family and Protective Services indicate no additional costs as a result of the bill. DSHS indicates it would implement the bill within existing resources and would not charge a fee as the bill authorizes them to do. The University of Texas System Administration shows a minimal cost would result from implementation. It is assumed these costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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