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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB489** by Menéndez (Relating to rights and responsibilities of persons with disabilities, including with respect to the use of service animals that provide assistance to those persons; providing penalties.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Human Resources Code, Section 121 to place limitations on inquiries regarding service animals, making it a misdemeanor offense for those facilities or persons in violation, and making it a misdemeanor offense for those individuals misrepresenting the use of a service animal.

A sample of agencies including the Office of the Governor, the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, the Office of Court Administration, the Secretary of State, and the Texas Workforce Commission indicate no significant fiscal impact to the state and that they could absorb the costs associated with the bill within current resources. The Comptroller of Public Accounts indicates that the revenue impact to the state cannot be determined.

The bill would take effect January 1, 2014.

Local Government Impact

The bill would modify misdemeanor offenses. Changes in costs associated with enforcement, prosecution, and confinement are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact. Changes in revenue from fines imposed and collected are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 307 Secretary of State, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 538 Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Department of, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of

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