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TO: Honorable John Davis, Chair, House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB660 by Strama (Relating to the provision of scholarships, bonuses, and wage supplementation to certain child-care workers.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Labor Code relating to the provision of scholarships, bonuses, and wage supplementation to certain child-care workers.

According to information provided by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), implementation of the bill would result in a shift of existing appropriated funds from direct child care services. TWC's analysis assumes there would be a reduction in the number of at-risk children being served by subsidized child care services. TWC estimates an annual cost of \$500,000 to implement the scholarship program. The estimated reduction to at-risk children served is 108 in fiscal year 2014, 106 in fiscal year 2015, 103 in fiscal year 2016, 101 in fiscal year 2017 and 99 in fiscal year 2018.

Based on information provided by the Texas Workforce Commission, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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