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TO: Honorable José Menéndez, Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1542 by Flynn (Relating to the Texas military; imposing criminal penalties; authorizing fees.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to the Texas military by adding new Chapter 437 and repealing subchapters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I of Chapter 431. The new chapter would update procedures and would update and modernize language in the statutes referring to Texas military forces, which consist of the Texas National Guard, the Texas State Guard, and any other military force organized under state law. The bill would change the name of the Adjutant General's Department to the Texas Military Department. The bill would make conforming changes in various other codes. It is assumed that implementing the provisions of the bill can be absorbed within the existing resources of the affected agencies. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

The bill would allow local governments to donate funds, property, and services to the Texas Military Department. The bill would require that employees of local governments who are also members of the Texas military or a search and rescue team be given paid leave of absence for the period in which the employee is engaged in military duties. The bill would establish a county emergency board to fill a draft if necessary. Costs to local governments would vary depending on future emergencies but are not anticipated to be significant.

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 327 Employees Retirement System, 347 Public Finance Authority, 401 Adjutant General's Department, 701 Central Education Agency

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