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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee On State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB396** by Hegar (Relating to the provision of state death benefits to certain employees of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to expand the eligibility of state death benefits to survivors of individuals employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) whose principal duties directly support a law enforcement function by the state or individuals with certain special assignments, as certified by the director. DPS and the Employees Retirement System anticipate that any costs associated with implementing the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013, and would apply only to deaths that occurred after that date.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 327 Employees Retirement System, 405 Department of Public Safety

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