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TO: Honorable Juan Hinojosa, Chair, Senate Committee On Intergovernmental Relations

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB877 by Patrick (Relating to establishing the Citizens' Star of Texas Award.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to create the Citizens' Star of Texas Award, to be awarded to a private citizen (or surviving next of kin) who is seriously injured while aiding or attempting to aid a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical first responder in the performance of the duties of the officer, firefighter, or first responder. The Peace Officer's Star of Texas Award Advisory Committee, Firefighters' Star of Texas Award Advisory Committee and the Emergency Medical First Responders' Star of Texas Award Advisory Committee would advise the governor on the issuance, design, and presentation of the award, and recommendations for the award could be made by the head of an agency that employs a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical first responder or the state legislator representing the district in which the recommended citizen lives.

The Office of the Governor, Department of Public Safety, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Department of Criminal Justice, and Parks and Wildlife Department indicate the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 405 Department of Public Safety, 458 Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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