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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB939 by West (Relating to reporting child abuse and neglect and to training regarding recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect at schools, institutions of higher education, and other entities.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code and Human Resources Code relating to the reporting of child abuse and neglect and to training regarding the recognizing and reporting of child abuse and neglect at schools, institutions of higher education, and other entities.

The bill would amend the Education Code relating to the posting of the child abuse hotline telephone numbers operated by the Department of Family and Protective Services at each public school and open-enrollment charter school in English and in Spanish. The bill would allow the commissioner to adopt rules relating to the size and location of the sign.

It is assumed any cost to implement the provisions of the bill would be minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

School districts would incur administrative costs to adopt the policy and to provide training related to reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect to all employees. School districts could also incur cost to create signs in English and Spanish. School district cost could vary depending on how the district choose to translate and print the signs.

Source Agencies: 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 701 Central Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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