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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2977** by Coleman (Relating to counties and certain other political subdivisions.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code and Local Government Code relating to counties and other political subdivisions. The bill would permit counties to dispose of certain county surplus or salvage property through recycling programs. The bill would authorize a county, when considering competitive sealed bids, to enter into a contract for certain purchases with a bidder whose principal place of business is in the county and whose bid is within 5 percent of the lowest bid if the lowest bid is from a business outside the county and contracting with the local bidder would provide the best combination price and other economic benefits to the county. The bill does not prohibit the county from rejecting all bids.

The bill would expand the categories of school district employees eligible to receive mental health first aid training and related grants. The training and grants would be available to employees including principals, assistant principals, educators, teacher's aides, counselors, nurses, school bus drivers, and school resource officers.

The increase in the target population would not result in a significant increase of cost for the Department of State Health Services. Statute indicates grants shall be made only to the extent funds are appropriated.

The bill has no direct fiscal implications for the Foundation School Program or the operations of the Texas Education Agency.

Local Government Impact

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

School district employees and resource officers would be eligible to access mental health first aid training. It is assumed that the cost of training would be covered by available grant funding. Some school districts could incur costs for substitute teachers to cover classrooms while teachers were in training.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services,

Department of, 701 Central Education Agency

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