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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3474** by Coleman (Relating to issues affecting counties and political subdivisions within counties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code, Education Code and the Local Government Code relating to issues affecting counties and political subdivisions within counties.

The bill would amend the funding structure for awards to local mental health authorities and due dates for the annual plans and reports. The bill also includes new definitions of school district employees eligible to receive mental health first aid training and related grants, and would allow free mental health first aid training for school district employees and school resource officers.

The bill would also change minimum qualifications for teaching certification to require a person seeking a certificate to receive instruction regarding mental health, substance abuse, and youth suicide.

The bill would also create the Task Force to Study Population Growth, and the Office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives would be required to provide staff for the task force.

The Department of State Health Services indicate that provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

Some school districts could incur costs to cover the duties of school district employees that were attending training. The bill may result in savings to a local mental health authority in an amount equivalent to the grant funding provided by the Department of State Health Services.

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 701 Central Education Agency, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 307 Secretary of State, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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