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**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HR3425** by Price (Suspending limitations on conference committee jurisdiction, H.B. No. 3123.)

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HR3425, Conference Committee Report: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2016	\$0
2017	\$0
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>Appropriated Receipts</i> 666	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Appropriated Receipts</i> 666	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2015
2016	(\$288,090)	\$288,090	2.3
2017	(\$32,010)	\$32,010	2.3
2018	\$0	\$0	0.0
2019	\$0	\$0	0.0
2020	\$0	\$0	0.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend various Codes and Acts relating to governmental entities subject to the sunset review.

The bill would change previously established sunset dates for certain entities. The bill would change the sunset date for:

- 1) the Employees Retirement System (ERS) from September 1, 2017 to September 1, 2019;
- 2) the Texas Military Department from September 1, 2019 to September 1, 2023;
- 3) the Cancer Prevention and Research institute of Texas (CPRIT) from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2023; and
- 4) the Railroad Commission of Texas from September 1, 2017 to September 1, 2023.

The bill would limit the scope of the Sunset review of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in 2017 to the department's project planning, selection, programming, and funding processes and its interactions with local transportation entities.

The bill would continue the Sunset date for the Sulphur River Basin Authority in 2017 as it is in current law.

The bill would subject the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) to sunset review in 2017.

### **Methodology**

Based on information provided by the Sunset Advisory Commission (SAC), it is assumed that costs of \$11,075 would be realized per analyst assigned to a review team for each month required to conduct a review. This amount includes the costs for salaries, benefits, and other operating costs necessary for staff to conduct these reviews. Travel costs are reflected separately below based on the project location.

Based on information provided by the SAC, it is assumed that Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) positions would be required for the newly required sunset review of NTTA. The anticipated FTE adjustments are reflected in the table above.

It is also assumed that SAC would be reimbursed for performing a review of the NTTA due to the requirements of the bill. Based on information provided by the SAC, costs would be realized from four analyst positions conducting a seven month review of the NTTA which would be offset by a corresponding revenue gain. Total costs for this project would be \$288,090 in fiscal year 2016 and \$32,010 in fiscal year 2017. These costs and associated revenue gains from payments to the SAC as a reimbursement for the special review are reflected as Appropriated Receipts in the table above.

Based on information provided by the SAC, this analysis assumes there would be no fiscal impact to the state for changing the previously established sunset date for the ERS, the Texas Military Department, CPRIT, and the Railroad Commission of Texas. In addition, no fiscal impact to the state is anticipated for performing the limited scope review of TxDOT.

### **Local Government Impact**

This analysis assumes the NTTA would realize costs of \$288,090 in fiscal year 2016 and \$32,010 in fiscal year 2017 due requiring the Authority to be subject to sunset review.

**Source Agencies:** 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 242 State Commission on Judicial Conduct, 476 Racing Commission, 701 Central Education Agency, 303 Facilities Commission, 644 Juvenile Justice Department, 469 Credit Union Department

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