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TO: Honorable Carol Alvarado, Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1510 by Isaac (Relating to the transfer of certain functions related to emergency services districts from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of State Health Services and the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code and the Health and Safety Code to transfer certain information programs on emergency services from the Texas Department of Agriculture to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and the Department of State Health Services.

Specifically, the bill would authorize the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to provide fire departments in rural areas with information relating to assistance programs offered to rural volunteer firefighters, and information for rural homeowners relating to the benefits of volunteer fire departments. The bill would also amend the Health and Safety Code to require the Department of State Health Services to serve as a resource to provide rural communities with general information about emergency services districts, as well as information and training related to the establishment of an emergency services district. It is assumed any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 411 Commission on Fire Protection, 537 State Health Services,
Department of, 551 Department of Agriculture

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