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TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3564** by Klick (Relating to the office of the state long-term care ombudsman; affecting the prosecution of a criminal offense.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend portions of the Human Resources Code related to certain aspects of the Long-term Care Ombudsman program, including updating terminology and clarifying statutory restrictions and authority. The bill would also prohibit the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) from contracting with an agency or organization that has an ownership, operational, or investment interest in a long-term care facility to operate the program, and prohibit HHSC from adopting a policy that would prohibit the Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman from performing its duties under the provisions of the bill. The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Based on the LBB's analysis of HHSC, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed by utilizing existing agency resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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