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TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB377 by Perry (Relating to the Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code relating to the Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program. The bill would authorize the Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board (board) to establish residency requirements for a designated ABLE beneficiary. The bill would authorize the board to enter into an agreement to engage services through a consortium of states and to enter into an agreement with another entity to act as a plan manager. The bill would authorize the board to contract with a financial institution retained by another state or by a consortium of states to serve as plan managers and to invest the money in ABLE accounts. The bill would take effect immediately upon receipt of a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, which houses the board, implementation of the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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