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TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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IN RE: HB243 by Farrar (Relating to the promotion of breast-feeding and the prohibition against interference with or restriction of the right to breast-feed; creating a civil action.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require each state agency to develop a policy supporting the practice of worksite breast-feeding. The bill would require the Comptroller of Public Accounts to include, at least annually, notification of the right of a mother to breast-feed, and the prohibition against interference with that right, in the agency's tax policy e-newsletter.

The bill would allow a mother whose rights under this chapter's provisions were violated to bring a civil action against a person alleged to have violated those rights, and the court could provide injunctive relief and award compensatory damages of up to \$500 for each day a violation occurs, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 303 Facilities Commission, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 580 Water Development Board, 601 Department of Transportation, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 701 Texas Education Agency

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