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

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IN RE: HB281 by Middleton (relating to the use by a political subdivision of public money for lobbying activities.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

It is assumed that the provisions of the bill relating to restrictions on political subdivisions' lobbying activities could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

Cities report that while this bill may have no direct fiscal implication, it could negatively impact cities that are unable to properly communicate and lobby for the interests of the city and its residents.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State, 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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