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TO: Honorable Rafael Anchia, Chair, House Committee on International Relations & Economic Development

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IN RE: **HB3739** by Goldman (Relating to including certain child care providers in the Texas Rising Star Program and establishing a pilot program to expand participation in the Texas Rising Star Program.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to including certain child care providers in the Texas Rising Star (TRS) program and establishing a pilot program to expand participation in the TRS program. The bill would allow all licensed or registered providers with the Health and Human Services Commission to participate in the TRS program. Currently, under state law, the TRS program is only offered to providers participating in the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) subsidized child care program. In addition, the bill would create a pilot program operated by the local workforce development boards (LWDB) to increase the number of quality child care providers in Texas.

Based on information provided by TWC, it is estimated that implementing the provisions of the bill would result in a cost of \$9,961,842 each fiscal year from available federal Child Care and Development Funds to provide TRS mentoring and assessment services to an additional 2,026 providers. This would reduce the amount of available funds for child care services and would decrease the average number of children served per day. The agency estimates that approximately 1,973 fewer children would be served per day each fiscal year. This analysis assumes that the duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

No significant fiscal impact is anticipated to implement the pilot program. This analysis assumes the LWDBs that voluntarily participate in the pilot program would do so using existing TWC-allocated funds. It is also assumed that the LWDBs would be required to continue to meet TWC-established performance measures, and thus, result in no reduction in the number of children served per day to implement the pilot program.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 300 Truusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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