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

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IN RE: HB4306 by Biedermann (Relating to the creation of a fund to pay for border security enhancement projects; allocating the earnings on the balance of that fund and reimbursement of related expenditures.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time. The fiscal impact would depend on the amount of funding appropriated to the new Border Security Enhancement Fund and therefore cannot be estimated.

Although this bill would not make an appropriation, it would establish the basis for an appropriation.

The bill would create a new Border Security Enhancement Fund in the state treasury outside of the General Revenue Fund to be administered by the Governor. The fund would consist of appropriations made by the legislature and gifts, grants, or donations made to the fund. Interest made on the fund and any reimbursement from the federal government would be credited to the Foundation School Fund.

The bill would require the Governor to administer a pilot program starting January 1, 2020, in certain border counties, to provide grants utilizing the new Border Security Enhancement Fund. The specific fiscal impact to the state is unknown as the amount of funds to be appropriated to the new Border Security Enhancement Fund is subject to legislative discretion and therefore cannot be estimated.

This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either in, with, or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. Legislative policy, implemented as Government Code 403.095, consolidated special funds (except those affected by constitutional, federal, or other restrictions) into the General Revenue Fund as of August 31, 1993 and eliminated all applicable statutory revenue dedications as of August 31, 1995. Each subsequent Legislature has reviewed bills that affect funds consolidation. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time

Source Agencies: 300 Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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