

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
 Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1673** by Perry (Relating to the creation of a grant program to assist certain counties with employing or contracting for a qualified emergency management coordinator.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB1673: a negative impact of (\$12,958,517) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill indicates that Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall use existing resources to implement certain provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2020	(\$6,933,941)
2021	(\$6,024,576)
2022	(\$6,211,080)
2023	(\$6,399,594)
2024	(\$6,593,664)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2019
2020	(\$6,933,941)	1.0
2021	(\$6,024,576)	1.0
2022	(\$6,211,080)	1.0
2023	(\$6,399,594)	1.0
2024	(\$6,593,664)	1.0

## **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend Chapter 88 of the Texas Education Code to require Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to establish and administer a grant program to assist counties with employing or contracting for qualified emergency management coordinators in counties with populations of less than 10,000. The agency reports a need for a new position to provide oversight for the program as well as resources to fund the grants. The grant administrator would administer the program coordinating with counties throughout the state.

## **Methodology**

To implement the provisions of the bill, it is assumed Texas A&M AgriLife Extension would need to hire 1.0 FTE with a salary totaling \$134,930 (including benefits) for the biennium to administer the grants. Travel and other operating costs are estimated to be \$17,500 for the biennium.

Grant costs for the biennium assume a per county cost of \$80,664 (including a one-time start-up cost of \$10,819) to hire or contract an emergency management coordinator in FY 2020 and \$69,995 for the same purpose in FY 2021.

There are currently 85 counties in Texas with a population less than 10,000. This analysis assumes all eligible counties would receive grant funding at a total cost to the state of \$6,856,476 in FY 2020 and \$5,949,611 in FY 2021.

## **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 555 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

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