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TO: Honorable Chris Paddie, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3 by Burrows (relating to state and local government responses to a pandemic disaster, including the establishment of the Pandemic Disaster Legislative Oversight Committee.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$2,518,849) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2022	(\$1,332,021)
2023	(\$1,186,828)
2024	(\$1,186,828)
2025	(\$1,216,828)
2026	(\$1,186,828)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2021</i>
2022	(\$1,332,021)	9.0
2023	(\$1,186,828)	9.0
2024	(\$1,186,828)	9.0
2025	(\$1,216,828)	9.0
2026	(\$1,186,828)	9.0

Fiscal Analysis

Section 418A.151 of the bill would require the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to support the direction, oversight, and management of the development of regional plans for surge capacity during pandemic disasters, including plans for personal protective equipment.

Methodology

The bill would affect operations at TDEM in two ways, impacting the agency's Preparedness and Response Divisions. First, Section 418A.151 of the bill would task TDEM with direction, oversight, and management of the development of regional plans for surge capacity during pandemic disasters, including plans for personal protective equipment. Per Section 418.044(a) of the Government Code, TDEM must "employ or otherwise secure the services of professional and technical personnel capable of providing expert assistance to political subdivisions and emergency management agencies." In addition to supporting plan development and administration, the agency's Response Division would require additional logistics staff and resources to support long-term deployment relating to pandemic emergency management. TDEM estimates that \$2,518,849 in General Revenue for the biennium and 9.0 additional FTEs would be necessary to undertake its responsibilities under the bill.

Technology

This estimate includes costs for the procurement and maintenance of laptops and other technology necessary for the agency to fulfil its responsibilities under the legislation.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill concerning guidance on the implementation of local tax rates during a pandemic disaster cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 313 Department of Information Resources, 327 Employees Retirement System, 452 Dept of License & Reg, 455 Railroad Commission, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm, 537 State Health Services, 575 TX Division of Emergency Management, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 601 Department of Transportation, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles, 701 Texas Education Agency

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