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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3659 by Leach (Relating to liability for certain claims arising during a pandemic or other disaster or emergency.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends sections of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code related to liability for certain claims arising during a pandemic or other disaster or emergency. This bill limits the liability of certain persons for injury, death, or property damage related to, caused by, or during a pandemic diseases with certain exceptions.

The bill limits the liability of an educational institution for certain actions during a pandemic emergency. The bill makes legislative findings related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Office of Court Administration, the Texas A&M University System, the Office of the Attorney General indicate they could absorb the costs associated with the bill within current resources.

According to the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor and the UT System, no fiscal impact is anticipated by the bill.

According to the Comptroller's Office, although the bill could result in a negative impact to state revenue due to reduced fees and costs related to civil cases, the impact of the bill cannot be estimated.

Local Government Impact

The Texas Association of Counties does not anticipate a significant fiscal implication for counties.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 300 Trusteed Programs - Gov, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 710 Texas A&M Univ System Admin, 720 UT Sys Admin

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