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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4661 by Thompson, Senfronia (relating to sexual harassment by lobbyists.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require sexual harassment training for registered lobbyists and would establish certain administrative penalties for sexual harassment to be assessed by the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC).

While the TEC indicates there would be a cost to the agency related to the mailing of notices of non-compliance to registered lobbyists, this analysis assumes those costs could be absorbed with existing agency resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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