

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB500 by Miles (Relating to creating the criminal offense of operating a boarding home facility without a permit in certain counties and municipalities.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to create the Class B misdemeanor offense of operating a boarding home facility without a permit in certain counties and municipalities.

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to conduct a study on state and local regulation of group homes.

It is assumed any cost for HHSC to implement provisions of the bill would be minimal and can be absorbed within available resources.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal implication to Harris County is anticipated. No significant fiscal implication to other units of local government is anticipated.

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

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