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TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3323 by Goodwin (Relating to food system security and resiliency planning.), **As Passed 2nd House**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined because the amounts and timing of appropriations, depository interest, and gifts, grants, or donations for the food system security planning fund that would be created by the bill is unknown.

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 would amend the Agriculture Code by adding Chapter 23 regarding food system security and resiliency planning.

The bill would require the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to establish the Texas food system security and resiliency planning council, comprised of 16 members, to provide guidance to the office of food system security and resiliency if that office is established as a division within TDA by an Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and to review the state food system security plan developed under Section 23.003 of the bill.

The bill would require TDA to create a state food system security plan. The bill would create the food system security planning fund as a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund. The account would consist of legislative appropriations, gifts, grants, donations, and interest earnings. The account could only be used to administer the council. Based on information provided by the Department of Agriculture, coordinating the food system security and resiliency council and plan would require 1.0 FTE for a Program Specialist V position at a cost of \$70,662 in 20204 and \$70,662 in 2025 to administer the council programs. This analysis assumes the position would be funded using the newly created fund.

TDA would be required to adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

Based on information provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, with respect to the new dedicated account in General Revenue created by the legislation, the fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined because the amounts and timing of any appropriations, depository interest, and gifts, grants, or donations for the new fund is unknown at this time.

This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either with or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 551 Department of Agriculture, 555 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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