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TO: Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Youth Health & Safety, Select

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB5284 by Kitzman (Relating to emergency response protocols and safety and security audits developed by the Texas School Safety Center and Health and Human Services Commission for day-care centers.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB5284, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$906,168) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

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>
2024	(\$451,676)
2025	(\$454,492)
2026	(\$498,702)
2027	(\$504,368)
2028	(\$551,572)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2023</i>
2024	(\$451,676)	4.0
2025	(\$454,492)	4.0
2026	(\$498,702)	4.0
2027	(\$504,368)	4.0
2028	(\$551,572)	4.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Texas School Safety Center, in collaboration with the Health and Human Services Commission, to research best practices regarding emergency preparedness of day-care centers and serve as a clearinghouse for that information, develop safety and security audit procedures for day-care centers, develop and publish guidelines for standard emergency responses protocol requirements, and provide day-care centers with safety and standard emergency response protocol training and technical assistance.

Methodology

The Texas State School Safety Center has indicated that to implement provisions of the bills would require the hiring of 3.0 full-time equivalents (FTEs) who are subject matter experts in emergency operations and planning and school safety to research and develop a body of standards/best practices in school safety and security for daycare centers. These FTEs would develop audit and data collection procedures and provide training and technical assistance statewide. An additional 1.0 FTE would be hired to assist with the periodic safety and security audit data collection, analysis and report writing for day-care centers. Salaries and benefits for these 4.0 FTEs total \$380,276 in fiscal year 2024. Additional costs in fiscal year 2024 reflect other operating expenses, the purchase of equipment, and costs related to travel to engage in stakeholder meetings with daycare centers to inform them of the development of standards, training, and resources. Administrative costs increase beginning in FY 2025 as merit increases are factored into salaries and benefits.

It is assumed that any costs for the Health and Human Services Commission will be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 758 Texas State University System

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