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**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB2381** by Paxton (Relating to the development of a webpage and mobile application for the provision of pregnancy-related resources and information.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB2381, As Introduced : an impact of \$0 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>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2024	\$0
2025	\$0
2026	\$0
2027	\$0
2028	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<b>Probable (Cost) from Statewide Network Apps Acct - AR 8143</b>
2024	(\$3,465,000)
2025	(\$1,212,750)
2026	(\$1,212,750)
2027	(\$1,212,750)
2028	(\$1,212,750)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend Chapter 161 of the Health and Safety Code by adding Subchapter X. Pregnancy Related Resources and Information.

The bill would require the Department of Information Resources (DIR), in consultation with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), to develop and maintain a publicly accessible webpage of pregnancy related resources and information on the Texas.gov website. It would also require that the same information be available on a mobile application.

The website and mobile application must tailor information based on questions answered by the user, allow users to submit feedback regarding whether the webpage is user friendly and helpful in providing tailored answers, and include a tool to search for resources by zip code and county.

### **Methodology**

The cost to DIR includes only the Texas.gov services used to develop the website technology, and does not include any costs for HHSC or any other agency to develop the content that would be displayed on the website or mobile application. According to DIR, the estimated cost to develop and implement the application is \$3,465,000 in fiscal year 2024, and \$1,212,750 in fiscal year 2025. The estimate includes one-time costs for application development, as well as ongoing costs for hardware, software, maintenance, and ongoing Multi-sourcing Integration (MSI). The cost would be out of the Statewide Network Applications Account, which consists of revenues associated with operation of Texas.gov. Revenues not expended by DIR or maintained by DIR in an operating reserve are deposited to unappropriated General Revenue. To the extent that the bill increases costs out of the account, there would potentially be a negative impact to the General Revenue Fund.

HHSC indicates that there would be a cost to implement the bill's provisions. This analysis assumes those costs could be absorbed using existing resources.

### **Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 313 Department of Information Resources, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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