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TO: Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB20 by Darby (Relating to measures to prevent and reduce fraudulent charitable solicitations and theft during declared disasters, including establishing a designation program for disaster relief nonprofit organizations and financial institutions; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty.), **As Passed 2nd House**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to the staffing and technology resources needed to establish and administer a designation program for disaster relief donations for more than 1,400 cities and counties being unknown.

Among other provisions, the bill would require the Secretary of State to establish and administer a designation program for applicable political subdivisions to designate a nonprofit organization or financial institution to solicit and accept donations for disaster relief efforts during a declared disaster threatening the political subdivision. In the statute the bill would amend, a political subdivision is defined as a county or incorporated city.

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Local Government Impact

There could be an impact on certain counties and incorporated cities related to selecting and submitting a disaster relief donation program designee, as would be required by the bill.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 307 Secretary of State

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