

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 17, 2025

TO: Honorable Cecil Bell, Chair, House Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB636 by Walle (Relating to the implementation of a statewide homeless data sharing network to share real-time data on homelessness.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB636, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$487,020) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

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> |
|--------------------|---|
| 2026 | (\$246,260) |
| 2027 | (\$240,760) |
| 2028 | (\$240,760) |
| 2029 | (\$240,760) |
| 2030 | (\$240,760) |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</i> | <i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2025</i> |
|--------------------|--|---|
| 2026 | (\$246,260) | 2.0 |
| 2027 | (\$240,760) | 2.0 |
| 2028 | (\$240,760) | 2.0 |
| 2029 | (\$240,760) | 2.0 |
| 2030 | (\$240,760) | 2.0 |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to collaborate with the Texas Homeless Network (THN) to implement a homeless data sharing network, and to collaborate with health benefit plan issuers and managed care organizations to identify individuals experiencing homelessness and refer them to services and resources.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2025.

Methodology

Based on analysis by TDHCA, to implement Section 1(a) of the bill, the agency would require 1.0 additional Information Technology Business Analyst III FTE to act as a liaison between TDHCA and THN. To implement Section 1(b) of the bill, TDHCA would require 1.0 additional Project Management Specialist I FTE to collaborate with health benefit plan issuers and managed care organizations. The total annual cost associated with the FTEs for salaries, benefits, other operating expenses, and travel would be \$240,760. One-time costs for computers and software for the FTEs would total \$5,500 in fiscal year 2026.

Technology

To ensure data privacy and protection, TDHCA would require \$35,000 each fiscal year to contract for cybersecurity testing services on THN's Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 327 Employees Retirement System, 332 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 717 Texas Southern University, 719 Texas State Technical College System Administration, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 783 University of Houston System Administration

LBB Staff: JMc, SZ, GDZ, DPE