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TO: Honorable Will Metcalf, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1781 by González, Mary (relating to the Texas Livestock and Rodeo Education and Continuation Grant Program.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

There would be an indeterminate cost to the state dependent on the amount of appropriations, gifts, grants, or interest earned on the fund.

The bill would amend the Government Code to establish the Texas Livestock and Rodeo Education and Continuation Grant Program. The bill would also establish the Texas Livestock and Rodeo Education and Continuation Fund as a fund outside the state treasury and administered by the Office of the Governor (OOG). The fund would consist of money appropriated, credited, or transferred by the legislature; gifts or grants; and interest earned on deposits and investments of the fund. The fund may only be used to implement the Texas Livestock and Rodeo Education and Continuation Grant Program, including the costs of grant program administration and operation.

The bill would authorize the OOG, at the direction of the Texas Livestock and Rodeo Education and Continuation Board (Board), to disburse money from the fund without appropriation, to county fairs and local rodeos for the purpose of providing certain assistance. The OOG, in consultation with the Board, would adopt rules as necessary to implement the bill.

The bill would establish certain criteria of the members of the Board and require the Board to establish and administer the grant program. The bill would direct certain requirements for recipients and awards. This bill would provide the Board rulemaking authority and require the Board to employ officers and employees as necessary. The Board would submit a report of the status of the fund and grant program not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year to each member of the Legislature.

The OOG estimates 4.0 FTE positions totaling \$1,115,010 in FTE-related costs and various other operating expenses for the 2026-27 biennium. Additionally, OOG estimates technology costs of \$252,720 for the 2026-27 biennium to build and maintain a new grant system. This analysis assumes all administrative costs would be paid out of the Texas Livestock and Rodeo Education and Continuation Fund.

Note: 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 in, with, or outside 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

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 300 Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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