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TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1721 by Middleton (Relating to the transfer of the licensing and regulation of charitable bingo to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Texas Government Code to transfer the responsibilities of administering all charitable bingo operations from the Texas Lottery Commission to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

This estimate assumes that the transfer of the charitable bingo program would not have a significant fiscal impact to the State as there would not be a significant difference in program operational costs from the transfer.

This estimate assumes that charitable bingo operations staff currently employed by the Texas Lottery Commission and located in field offices in Dallas, Odessa, Houston, and San Antonio would continue to co-locate at these offices as TDLR does not currently have field offices in those locations. This estimate assumes the Texas Lottery Commission and TDLR would enter into a memorandum of understanding or related agreement to allow those employees to remain in Texas Lottery Commission offices. This estimate assumes any additional costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2025, unless it receives a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house, in which it is effective immediately.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 362 Texas Lottery Commission, 451 Department of Banking, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation

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