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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1191 by Burkett (Relating to certain information about housing for persons with mental illness provided through the Texas Information and Referral Network Internet site.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to make information regarding housing options for persons with mental illness available through the Texas Information and Referral Network Internet site. The bill would establish that the site should be geographically indexed and searchable, and that the types of housing should be listed. The bill would require each entity providing housing specifically for persons with mental illness to cooperate with the Texas Information and Referral Network.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

HHSC estimates it would need to modify the current system, which currently houses most of the required data, to allow for searchability. It would also require amending policy in order to comply with the provision to include private housing options. HHSC estimates there will be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill. The Department of Information Resources and the Department of State Health Services anticipate any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

Local entities, including counties, municipalities, or other subdivisions may need to provide information regarding housing to HHSC to comply with the provisions of the bill. This analysis assumes that any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

Source Agencies: 313 Department of Information Resources, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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