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TO: Honorable John Kuempel, Chair, House Committee on General Investigating & Ethics

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3736 by Davis, Sarah (Relating to conflicts of interest by members of state agency governing boards; creating a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to require individuals serving as a member of a state agency governing board and who are in a position to receive a pecuniary gain from a governing board decision to disclose the conflict of interest in writing to the state agency and these individuals may not participate in the decision of the governing board. The bill would create an offense if an individual knowingly fails to comply with this requirement. In addition, the bill would require state agencies receiving a written disclosure of a conflict of interest to file a copy of the disclosure with the Texas Ethics Commission. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Texas Ethics Commission, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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