

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 25, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Jaime Capelo, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1920** by Capelo (Relating to certain immunization programs.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1920, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$2,448,785) through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

| Fiscal Year | Probable Net Positive/(Negative)<br>Impact to General Revenue Related<br>Funds |
|-------------|--|
| 2004        | (\$1,217,832)  |
| 2005        | (\$1,230,953)  |
| 2006        | (\$1,246,021)  |
| 2007        | (\$1,270,942)  |
| 2008        | (\$1,257,221)  |

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

| Fiscal Year | Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from<br><i>GR MATCH FOR MEDICAID</i><br>758 | Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from<br><i>FEDERAL FUNDS</i><br>555 |
|-------------|--|--|
| 2004        | (\$1,217,832)  | (\$1,842,047)  |
| 2005        | (\$1,230,953)  | (\$1,890,124)  |
| 2006        | (\$1,246,021)  | (\$1,937,477)  |
| 2007        | (\$1,270,942)  | (\$1,976,226)  |
| 2008        | (\$1,257,221)  | (\$1,954,891)  |

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require the Texas Department of Health (TDH), with the assistance of a work group, to develop informational materials and continuing education programs for physicians relating to the vaccines for children program. The bill would require that the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) ensure that a provider can enroll in the vaccines for children program on the same form that the provider completes to apply as a provider for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The bill would require HHSC to reimburse Medicaid or CHIP providers for vaccines administered under the vaccines for children program at a rate that covers the cost of administering vaccines and a reasonable profit.

**Methodology**

It is assumed that the development of informational packets, continuing education programs, and provider enrollment forms could be absorbed within existing resources at the Texas Department of Health.

The following assumptions are made by the Health and Human Services Commission with regard to total doses of vaccinations that will be administered under the proposal:

(1) For THSteps, FY 04 - 596,794, FY 05 - 608,730, FY 06 - 620,904, FY 07- 633,322, and FY 08 - 645,989 and

(2) For Children with Special Health Care Needs program (CSHCN), FY 04 - 2,479, FY 05 - 2,529, FY 06 - 2,579, FY 07- 2,631, and FY 08 -2,683.

It is assumed that current reimbursement rates cover the cost of administering the vaccines in THSteps and CSHCN. For THSteps, an increase cost in General Revenue of \$1,217,832 in fiscal year 2004 and \$1,842,047 in fiscal year 2005, is assumed. For CSHCN, it is assumed the increase could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 501 Department of Health, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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