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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2702 by Keffer, Jim (Relating to immunization programs.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 241.157, Health and Safety Code, to require hospitals to provide every patient over the age of 65 an opportunity to receive influenza vaccination. The bill would also require hospitals to verify that the influenza vaccine had not already been administered to the patient and that the patient's medical condition was appropriate to receive the vaccination. The influenza vaccine would be made available October 1 through February 1 of the following year. The bill would require hospitals to document the administration of the influenza vaccine in the patient's permanent medical record. The bill would go into effect on September 1, 2003.

The Texas Department of Health indicates that the agency does not provide the influenza vaccine to hospitals; therefore, it is assumed that the bill would have no impact to the agency. In state owned hospitals, programs such as Medicare and Medicaid generally pay for vaccinations for patients over the age of 65.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 501 Department of Health

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