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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB691 by Madla (Relating to reimbursement for telemedicine medical services under the Medicaid program and other government-funded programs.), **Committee Report 1st House, As Amended**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to modify rules and procedures applicable to reimbursement under the Medicaid program for telemedicine medical services as necessary to provide for a reimbursement system that is comparable to the reimbursement system for these services under the Medicare program.

To the extent that the Medicare reimbursement for telemedicine medical services is higher than the Medicaid reimbursement for the same services, it is assumed the bill would require increased state expenditures. However, HHSC has not estimated the fiscal impact of this aspect of the bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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