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TO: Honorable Carlos Uresti, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB923 by Zaffirini (Relating to criminal history checks of certain employees and applicants for employment in nursing homes and assisted living facilities and to the period within which a nursing home or assisted living facility must request certain criminal history checks.),
Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 250 of the Health and Safety Code to require a nursing facility to conduct a criminal history check on each licensed employee or applicant for employment. The bill would not apply to current employees. The Department of Human Services indicated that any costs associated with implementation of the bill could be absorbed within the appropriations to the agency. The cost of the criminal check is a Medicaid eligible expense and as such could be included in the provider rate structure.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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