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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & 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 to the period within which a nursing home must request certain criminal history checks.), **As Introduced**

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 Department of Human Services indicated that the cost would be \$37,326 in All Funds, \$14,848 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2004 and \$20,148 in All Funds, \$8,015 in General Revenue each year there after. 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.

Source Agencies: 324 Department of Human Services

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