

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Dianne White Delisi, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2476** by Delisi (Relating to allowing the Texas Medical Disclosure Panel to hold telephonic hearings.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2476, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$26,280 through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

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

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2006	\$13,140
2007	\$13,140
2008	\$13,140
2009	\$13,140
2010	\$13,140

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

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1</b>
2006	\$13,140
2007	\$13,140
2008	\$13,140
2009	\$13,140
2010	\$13,140

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would allow the Texas Medical Disclosure Panel to hold telephonic hearings. The Panel members would be able to attend by conference call, but the chair or vice-chair would be required to be physically present and allow for the public to attend where the chair or vice-chair are present.

**Methodology**

Travel costs are currently \$15,000 per year. The agency estimates that teleconferencing would cost \$360 per year (\$.05 per minute per location; assume 8 locations for 5 meetings). Assume travel costs for the chair or vice chair would be \$1,500 per year. The bill would result in net savings of \$13,140 per year (\$15,000 minus \$360 minus \$1,500).

## **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 537 Department of State Health Services

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