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

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

**IN RE: SB45** by Nelson (Relating to the establishment of an advisory committee on health care information technology.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would require the Executive Commissioner of Health and Human Services to appoint an advisory committee on health care information technology. The committee would include representatives of interested groups, including the academic community and associations of physicians, hospitals, and nurses. The committee would develop a long-range plan for health care information technology, including the use of electronic medical records, computerized clinical support systems, computerized physician order entry, regional data sharing interchanges for health care information, and other methods of incorporating information technology. The report is due no later than September 1, 2006, when the Act expires and the committee is abolished.

The bill states that Chapter 2110, State Agency Advisory Committees, of the Government Code would not apply to this new committee. The bill would also allow for reimbursement of travel expenses of committee members, if authorized by the General Appropriations Act.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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