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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: SB66 by Nelson (Relating to the establishment of certain programs and initiatives designed to prevent the manufacture and use of methamphetamine.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB66, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$166,430) 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:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	(\$84,786)
2007	(\$81,644)
2008	(\$81,644)
2009	(\$81,644)
2010	(\$81,644)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1	Probable Savings/(Cost) from FEDERAL FUNDS 555
2006	(\$84,786)	(\$858)
2007	(\$81,644)	\$0
2008	(\$81,644)	\$0
2009	(\$81,644)	\$0
2010	(\$81,644)	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill relates to the establishment of certain programs and initiatives designed to prevent the manufacture and use of methamphetamine. The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code by adding a new chapter.

Section 468.002 would require the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to establish a methamphetamine watch program.

Section 468.052 would require DSHS to administer, coordinate, and contract for prevention programs for private and public school students and to educate schools and parents of students on identifying and helping children who use or are exposed to methamphetamine.

Section 468.053 would require DSHS to develop educational materials for farmers, retail dealers and appropriate others regarding the use of anhydrous ammonia in the illicit manufacture of methamphetamine.

Section 468.102 would require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to establish a drug-endangered child initiative intended to protect children who are exposed to methamphetamine and other chemical and hazardous materials used in the illicit manufacture of methamphetamine.

Section 468.103 would require the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement agencies to report to DFPS on discovering the presence of a child in a location where methamphetamine is manufactured. DFPS would also be required to maintain a record of the reports and to include in the record information regarding actions taken by the agency to ensure the child's safety and well-being.

The bill would take effect immediately upon enactment, if the requisite two-thirds majority votes are received in both houses of the Legislature. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Methodology

DSHS assumed that additional funds would be needed to implement the provisions required in Sections 468.002, 468.052, 468.053 of the bill. DSHS estimates that 40,000 retailers would be informed about the methamphetamine watch program. The estimated printing (\$700/fiscal year) and postage (\$12,160/fiscal year) costs associated with providing an annual notice to the retailers would total \$12,860 for each fiscal year.

The agency estimates that 60,000 pamphlets would be used for public education and student prevention efforts. The estimated cost to develop and disseminate the pamphlets to 11 prevention resource centers and the central office would total \$67,200 for each fiscal year (5,000 pamphlets per location @ \$1.12/pamphlet).

The agency also estimates that 200 manufacturers of anhydrous ammonia would be informed about the methamphetamine watch program. The estimated printing (\$770/fiscal year) and postage (\$814/fiscal year) costs associated with providing an annual notice to the manufacturers of anhydrous ammonia is estimated to be \$1,584 for each fiscal year.

DFPS assumes that additional funds would be needed to implement the provisions required in Section 468.103. DFPS estimates that 40 hrs of programming hours (\$100/hr.) would be needed for one-time technology modification to gather data on the number of children reported as required. The estimated IT cost for one-time modifications is \$4,000 for FY 2006.

The total estimated cost of implementing the provisions included in the sections mentioned above is \$84,786 in General Revenue for FY 2006 and \$81,644 in General Revenue each year, for FY 2007 through FY 2010.

Technology

Estimated IT cost for DFPS to complete one-time modifications to gather data on the number of children reported totals \$4,000 in FY 2006, including \$3,142 in General Revenue and \$858 in Federal Funds.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 530 Department of Family and Protective Services, 537 Department of State Health Services

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