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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: SB271 by Zaffirini (Relating to the issuance of a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth on request of a parent.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Department of State Health Services to issue a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth (as defined by the bill) upon the request of a parent and payment of the required fee. The Department estimates 10 percent of stillbirths would require a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth, resulting in potential revenue gain of \$2,500 to the Vital Statistics account. The Department also estimates costs associated with enhancement of the existing agency database to accommodate preparation of the certificate. It is assumed the Department can absorb the costs within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 Department of State Health Services

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