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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

IN RE: SB316 by Lucio (Relating to information provided to parents of newborn children.), **As Passed 2nd House**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB316, As Passed 2nd House: a positive impact of \$4,464 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	\$2,232
2007	\$2,232
2008	\$2,232
2009	\$2,232
2010	\$2,232

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE</i> <i>FUND</i> 1	Probable Savings from <i>GENERAL REVENUE</i> <i>FUND</i> 1	Probable (Cost) from <i>HOSPITAL LICENSING</i> <i>ACCT</i> 129
2006	(\$8,120)	\$10,352	(\$19,880)
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2008	(\$8,120)	\$10,352	(\$19,880)
2009	(\$8,120)	\$10,352	(\$19,880)
2010	(\$8,120)	\$10,352	(\$19,880)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill relates to information provided to parents of newborn children. The bill would amend Chapter 161 of the Health and Safety Code. Section 161.502 would require the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to make available a printable version of an informational pamphlet. The bill would also require the agency to coordinate the funding for the development, publication and distribution of the informational pamphlet with other health and human services agencies, and to solicit funding for the department's duties, as prescribed in the bill, through means other than appropriations, such as gifts, grants, and sales of sponsorship or advertising. The bill would also require DSHS to make the pamphlet available for distribution to physicians.

If enacted, the bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Methodology

DSHS estimates that the agency would distribute 275,000 pamphlets each year to hospitals, birthing centers and midwives. The estimated production and printing costs would be \$27,500 per year (\$.10 per pamphlet). The estimated mailing cost would be \$500 per year.

DSHS assumes that the agency would cease printing and distributing the existing newborn screening brochure at a savings of \$10,352 in General Revenue per year. The estimated cost for distributing the pamphlets to hospitals would total \$19,880 in General Revenue-Dedicated funds per year. The estimated cost for distributing the pamphlets to birthing centers and midwives would total \$8,120 in General Revenue per year. An estimated net savings of \$4,464 in General Revenue-related funds would be realized for the 2006-07 biennium.

DSHS estimates that the cost to make the pamphlet available for distribution to physicians would total \$2,500 each year (25,000 pamphlets @ \$.10 per pamphlet). DSHS assumes that this additional cost would be absorbed by the agency.

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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