

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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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: SB361** by Carona (Relating to criteria for voluntary admission to state schools for persons with mental retardation.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would require the voluntary admission of a Medicaid eligible individual into a state school if the state school has sufficient bed space and would provide the least restrictive alternative. The Department of Aging and Disability Services states that there would be no significant fiscal implications associated with the provisions of the bill, assuming that "sufficient bed space" refers to the number of funded beds at a state school.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 539 Department of Aging and Disability Services

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