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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: SB1525 by Zaffirini (Relating to safe patient handling and movement practices of nurses in hospitals and nursing homes.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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| No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. |
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The bill would amend Subtitle B, Title 4, Health and Safety Code, by adding Chapter 256, requiring hospitals and nursing facilities to adopt and ensure implementation of a policy to identify, assess and develop strategies to control the risk of injury to patients and nurses in the physical movement of patients.

The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) indicated that a nursing facility is required to maintain a Quality Assessment and Assurance Committee to develop and implement appropriate plans of action to correct identified quality deficiencies. It is assumed that the department would use existing available resources for implementation of provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 507 Board of Nurse Examiners, 539 Department of Aging and Disability Services

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