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TO: Honorable Dianne White Delisi, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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

IN RE: HB717 by Jackson, Jim (Relating to county liability for services provided under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would increase from \$30,000 to \$35,000 per fiscal year the maximum county liability for health care services for each resident eligible for the County Indigent Health Care program. The bill could result in additional counties expending 8 percent of their general revenue tax levy on indigent health care, which could result in additional counties qualifying for reimbursement from the state. The bill could also result in counties expending 8 percent of their general revenue tax levy more quickly in a fiscal year, which could result in more health care costs qualifying for reimbursement from the state. It is assumed the bill would not result in significant costs to the state, but the actual costs would depend on the number of residents eligible for the County Indigent Health Care program with health care costs in excess of \$30,000 per fiscal year.

Local Government Impact

The bill could increase health care costs for counties in the County Indigent Health Care program by increasing the maximum county liability per eligible resident. The actual costs to the counties would depend on the number of residents eligible for the County Indigent Health Care program with health care costs in excess of \$30,000 per fiscal year. The bill could also result in increased revenue for counties that newly qualify or that qualify earlier in a fiscal year for reimbursement from the state under the County Indigent Health Care program.

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