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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: SB29 by Nelson (Relating to the creation of a minimum data set for the collection of information on health professionals by the statewide health coordinating council.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB29, As Engrossed: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

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
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2007
2008	(\$576,665)	\$576,665	0.5
2009	(\$4,811)	\$4,811	0.1
2010	\$0	\$0	0.0
2011	\$0	\$0	0.0
2012	\$0	\$0	0.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to require the Department of Information Resources (DIR), through TexasOnline and in consultation with the statewide health coordinating council (council) and the Health Professions Council, to add certain mandatory and voluntary information fields on an application or renewal form, through the data collection system developed under the provisions of the bill, for a license, certificate, or registration for a person regulated by a health occupation regulatory agency that is a member of the Health Professions Council and for emergency medical services personnel regulator by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

The relevant members of the Health Professions Council, in conjunction with DIR would be required to ensure that the mandatory and voluntary information collected is transmitted to the council.

DIR would also be required to work with the health occupation regulatory agencies to minimize the costs of obtaining the information.

The bill provides exemptions for the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and the Texas Funeral Services Commission.

The bill would take effect March 1, 2008.

Methodology

Under the provisions of the bill, it is estimated that the following agencies would have cost associated with database modifications: Texas Medical Board (\$27,000 in FY08), Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (\$4,243 in FY08), Texas Board of Pharmacy (\$4,058 in FY08), Texas Board of Examiners of Psychologists (\$12,000 in FY08), the Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners (\$6,120 in FY08), Department of Information Resources (\$339,000 in FY08) and the Department of State Health Services (\$165,000 in FY08) for a total cost of \$557,421 in FY08.

The Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners estimates a cost of \$19,244 in FY08 for 0.5 FTEs and \$4,811 in FY09 for 0.125 FTEs. These amounts include \$4,244 in FY08 and \$1,061 in FY09 for associated benefits.

It is assumed that all agencies listed above would adjust fees to cover the additional costs associated with the implementation of the bill. However, the funding authority would have to be appropriated to the agencies.

Technology

The technology impact would be \$557,421 in FY08.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 313 Department of Information Resources, 364 Health Professions Council, 503 Texas Medical Board, 504 Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, 507 Board of Nurse Examiners, 508 Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 512 Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners, 514 Optometry Board, 515 Board of Pharmacy, 520 Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 533 Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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