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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: SB778 by Harris (Relating to the use of an electronic communication method to conduct certain hearings regarding court-ordered mental health services.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to authorize a court to conduct certain hearings regarding court-ordered mental health services using an electronic communication method if certain conditions are met. If a hearing is conducted using an electronic communication method, the court would be required to provide for a recording to be made of the hearing and preserved until any appellate proceedings have concluded. The court would be required to provide, upon request by a proposed patient, a copy of the recording for a reasonable fee to cover the cost of the copy or for free if the proposed patient is indigent.

Local Government Impact

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

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