

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 18, 2007**

**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

**IN RE: SB983** by West, Royce (Relating to the screening of newborns for sickle cell trait by the Department of State Health Services.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill requires screening for sickle cell trait to be added to the newborn screening program at the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). DSHS indicates that screening for sickle cell trait is a byproduct of tests already conducted so there would be no additional cost for testing. It is assumed that any additional costs to provide notification of positive results could be absorbed within available resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of

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