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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB451 by Allen (Relating to health benefit plan coverage for autism spectrum disorder.), Conference Committee Report

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code relating to health benefit plan coverage for autism spectrum disorder. Based on the analysis of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), it is assumed that there would be a one-time revenue gain of \$16,000 in the General Revenue Dedicated Account Fund 36 in fiscal year 2010 because the bill would result in additional filings. Since General Revenue Dedicated Account Fund 36 is a self-leveling account, this analysis assumes all revenue generated would go toward fund balances or the maintenance tax would be set to recover a lower level of revenue the following year. It is also assumed that any costs realized by TDI from implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Based on the analysis by the Teachers Retirement System, the bill would not change the coverage offered under any of this agency's health insurance plan and therefore would not have a fiscal impact on this agency.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 323 Teacher Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance

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