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TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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

IN RE: HB461 by Eissler (Relating to the detection and treatment of dyslexia, including the use of certain professional titles by dyslexia practitioners and therapists; providing a criminal penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code by adding a chapter for state dyslexia practitioner and state dyslexia therapist title recognition standards. The bill authorizes the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to adopt rules related to title recognition standards. The bill would provide a criminal penalty for a person who violates the chapter. The bill would create an interim committee to study and recommend legislation to increase awareness of early detection and treatment of dyslexia and related disorders. It is assumed that any costs to implement the provisions of the bill would be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 360 State Office of Administrative Hearings, 537 State Health Services, Department of
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