

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 16, 2009**

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

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

**IN RE: HB1232** by Menendez (Relating to establishing a local behavioral health intervention pilot project.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to establish a local behavioral health intervention pilot project for children in Bexar County. In order to implement the pilot project the bill provides that DSHS require a local mental health authority serving Bexar County to enter into memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with a number of state agencies serving children and adolescents for the purpose of coordinating behavioral health services for the children of Bexar County. The bill also requires the development, in collaboration with state and local agencies, of a best practices plan and requires MOUs between the local mental health authority of Bexar County and state agencies to address significant information sharing relating to a child. It is assumed that all activities required under the bill will be absorbed within existing agency resources.

**Local Government Impact**

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

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