

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 23, 2009

TO: Honorable Patrick M. Rose, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

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

IN RE: HB1453 by Naishtat (Relating to long-term care consumer information made available through the Internet.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
--

The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to long-term care consumer information made available through the internet.

Under the provisions of the bill, certain information pertaining to long-term care services would be required to be displayed on the internet site maintained by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) by January 1, 2010. The website maintained by the Department on Aging and Disability Services (DADS) would also be required to include or provide a link to the required information.

HHSC or DADS would also, on request by a consumer without internet access, provide the consumer with a printed copy of the information from the website. HHSC and DADS are authorized to charge a reasonable fee for printing the information.

HHSC would also be required to incorporate long-term care provider quality information reported through the DADS internet site, as well as other appropriate available information concerning the quality of services provided through the long-term care service delivery programs operated by DADS.

The agency estimates that the provisions of the bill could be handled with existing resources. It is assumed that the printing fee would be minimal and set at an amount to cover only printing costs and that the fee amount would not have any significant impact on revenues.

The bill would take effect immediately if it received a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house. If the bill does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, the bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of

LBB Staff: JOB, LR, CL, SJ