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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB2163 by Turner, Sylvester (Relating to a study regarding the provision of certain medications through the Medicaid vendor drug program to children younger than 16 years of age.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission to study and report on the feasibility of establishing separate reimbursement under the Medicaid program for pharmacy care management services. The report would be due to the legislature on September 1, 2010.

The bill would add Section 531.0731 to the Government Code, to require the Health and Human Services Commission to conduct a study on certain medications being provided through the Medicaid vendor drug program to children younger than 16 years of age. The agency would report the results of the study by November 10, 2010.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

The Health and Human Services Commission indicates that the costs of the studies and reporting could be absorbed within existing resources at the agency.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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