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**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

**IN RE: HB2224** by Parker (Relating to the minimum standards for licensed child-care facilities and registered family homes and retaliation against certain employees of child-care facilities.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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Section 2 of the bill would add to the requirements in Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, for minimum standards for registered family homes and child-care facilities. It would require that standards be set to ensure that these operations follow the directions of a child's physician or other health care provider in providing specialized medical assistance required by the child. The Department of Family and Protective Services indicates that the costs associated with implementing the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Section 3 of the bill would add a section to Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, related to the prohibition of retaliation against an employee of a child-care facility who reports violations. A former employee would be required to notify the Texas Workforce Commission of his or her intent to sue. The agency indicates that procedures already exist for providing Notices of Intent to Sue to certain facilities, and the costs associated with adding child-care facilities to this group would require no additional resources. The Department of Family and Protective Services indicates that costs associated with rule-making and technical support to providers to implement the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within current resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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