

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**May 30, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable David Dewhurst , Lieutenant Governor, Senate  
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

**IN RE: HB2917** by McReynolds (Relating to authorizing the Department of State Health Services to obtain criminal history record information for certain applicants for employment.),  
**Conference Committee Report**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill expands the authority of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to obtain criminal history record information for certain applicants for employment, employees, and in some cases contractors at the:

1. Texas Center for Infectious Disease (TCID)
2. South Texas Health Care System (STHCS)
3. Bureau of Vital Statistics of the DSHS, or
4. Council on Sex Offenders or other division or component of DSHS that monitors sexually violent predators.

According to DSHS, there would be minimal additional costs; that could be absorbed, and revenue associated with the expanded criminal background checks due to the fact that some employees at these entities are already receiving criminal background checks and the costs for the checks are not very high (\$1.00 per applicant for a name check and \$44.20 for an FBI background check).

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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