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

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

IN RE: HB2921 by King, Susan (Relating to a requirement that state schools provide certain services to persons residing in the communities in which the schools are located.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a state school to provide nonresidential services that are comparable to the services provided to residents of the state school to persons with mental retardation who reside in the community in which the school is located. The bill would require a state school to provide nonresidential services only to a person with mental retardation who would qualify for those services if the person resided in the state school and if the state school is reimbursed.

The bill would require provision of the following nonresidential services: behavior treatment services, skills training, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and vocational training.

The bill would allow a state school to contract with the local mental retardation authority or community provider for the state school to provide the services.

The bill would require the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to prescribe appropriate charges for the services if the state school does not receive reimbursement for the services from a third party, including a local, state, or federal program.

The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) could not estimate how many persons would receive services provided by the bill. This analysis assumes that depending on the number of clients receiving services, DADS could incur additional staffing and other costs which would be offset by the new revenue assuming the fees are set to cover expenditures related to the services provided.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of

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