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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

IN RE: HB3012 by Coleman (Relating to food handlers and other food service employees.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would allow Department of State Health Services (DSHS), a county, or a public health district to require food handler certification for facilities that prepare food onsite and that hold a permit issued by DSHS, the county, or the public health district. Certain food service establishments may be exempt if certification of the food handlers of the establishment is not deemed necessary to protect public health and safety.

The bill would also authorize a county, a public health district, or DSHS to require businesses that manufacture, process, prepare, dispense, or handle food to post a sign in a conspicuous location to employees describing the food service employee's responsibilities to report certain health conditions to the permit holder under rules adopted by the Executive Commissioner of Health and Human Services Commission. The sign must be posted no later than January 1, 2010.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

DSHS assumes that any cost can reasonably be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of

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