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TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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

IN RE: HB3141 by Gonzalez Toureilles (Relating to medical assistance reimbursement for prescriptions issued by certain health care providers.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would direct the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to reimburse a pharmacy or other health care provider for prescription drugs provided to a Medicaid eligible recipient while the prescribing provider's application for Medicaid enrollment is pending approval. It would allow HHSC to create a temporary enrollment number for providers who write prescriptions, prior to granting a permanent number. The temporary number could be used by the provider when issuing prescriptions subject to the provisions of the bill.

HHSC indicated that prescribing practitioners are not required to be enrolled with Medicaid in order for a prescription to be paid through the Vendor Drug Program. Current administrative rules require that pharmacies submit the identification number of the prescribing practitioner, as listed with the appropriate medical specialty board, on each prescription drug claim. Therefore, the bill would not impact the agency's current procedures.

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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