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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: HB4276 by Menendez (Relating to a transportation plan for persons furloughed or discharged from certain mental health facilities.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends Subchapter F, Chapter 574, Health and Safety Code by adding Section 574.089 requiring a facility administrator of a mental health facility, in conjunction with the local mental health authority, to create a transportation plan for a person scheduled to be furloughed or discharged from the facility. It is assumed that any costs associated with the new requirement can be absorbed within existing Department of State Health Services resources.

The bill takes effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of

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