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TO: Honorable Burt R. Solomons, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: SB182 by Patrick, Dan (Relating to informed consent to an abortion.), Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill requires a physician who performs an abortion in a medical emergency to certify to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) the specific medical condition that constituted the emergency within seven days of the date the abortion is performed. The bill also requires DSHS to modify informational materials required by Section 171.014, Health and Safety Code. The bill also authorizes the Texas Medical Board to take disciplinary action against a physician who violates Chapter 171, Health and Safety Code; the board could refuse to admit to examination or refuse to issue a license or renewal license to a person who violates the chapter.

It is assumed that any cost to implement the provisions of the bill would be minimal and could be absorbed within available resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of, 503 Texas Medical Board

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