

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

**IN RE: SB284** by Nelson (Relating to human body and anatomical specimen donation.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend requirements and regulation of human body and anatomical specimen donation. It would require the Texas Anatomical Board to develop and publish on its website an informed consent document notifying persons making a gift of a body of the risks and benefits associated with donation. The bill would direct the Texas Anatomical Board to ensure that the anatomical specimen or body is labeled, and that the chain of custody document is properly completed, maintained, and transferred to a person who controls or possesses the body or specimens. A qualified tissue procurement organization must have on file with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) a copy of the accreditation, issued by the American Association of Tissue Banks, the Eye Bank Association of America, or another accreditation organization approved by the HHSC. The executive commissioner of the HHSC is given authority to adopt rules as necessary to implement the bill.

The Texas Anatomical Board does not receive appropriations from the legislature, therefore this bill would have no fiscal impact on the board.

Based on analysis provided by the Health and Human Services Commission, it is assumed that costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Based on the analysis provided by the University of Texas System, it is assumed that the bill would have no fiscal impact on the University of Texas Health Institution.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 513 Funeral Service Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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