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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: SB343 by Nelson (Relating to the creation of an advisory committee to study the retail availability of healthy foods in certain underserved areas of this state.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create the Healthy Food Advisory Committee to study and provide recommendations on the areas of the state that are underserved in the retail availability of healthy foods and the impact of limited retail availability on proper nutrition and on obesity and related chronic illnesses. The Commissioner of Agriculture and the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission would each nominate four members to the committee.

The Department of Agriculture and the Health and Human Services Commission indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within each agency's existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house; otherwise it would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 503 Texas Medical Board, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 551 Department of Agriculture

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