

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Rob Eissler, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

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

**IN RE: SB1577** by Shapiro (Relating to excused absences from public school attendance for a student diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder to attend a health care appointment.), **As Engrossed**

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

The bill would add Section 25.087(b-3), Education Code to clarify that an excused absence includes a temporary absence during the school day of a student diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder to attend an appointment with a health care practitioner to receive a generally recognized service for persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Current law provides in general for an excused absence of a student's temporary absence to attend an appointment with a health care professional if the student begins classes or returns to school on the same day of the appointment.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Central Education Agency

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