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TO: Honorable Florence Shapiro, Chair, Senate Committee on 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 Introduced**

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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