

**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: SB1626** by Wentworth (Relating to the reporting of certain confidential statements made to a mental health professional.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the Government Code to require a mental health professional, to whom a patient communicates a threat of physical violence against a reasonably identifiable person, to report the threat to local law enforcement. The bill states a peace officer that receives this report from a mental health professional must make a written report of the threat and the local law enforcement agency must establish a departmental code to identify and retrieve the report. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009.

The Department of State Health Services and DPS anticipate no significant fiscal impact to their agencies.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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