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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: SB1886 by Ellis (Relating to diagnostic testing of pregnant women and certain newborns.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require that a pregnant woman (who does not object) be tested for HIV in the third trimester of her pregnancy. If, at labor and delivery, the woman had not been tested in the third trimester, the physician (or other health care provider as specified by the bill) shall request an expedited HIV test for the woman (who does not object) that must be completed within 6 hours. If the woman gave birth to a child and the woman had not received HIV testing at either her third trimester or at labor and delivery, the physician shall order an expedited HIV test for the newborn child (whose parent, managing conservator, or guardian does not object) that must be completed within 6 hours of delivery.

The bill would repeal sections 81.090 (d), (e), and (f) of the Health and Safety Code related to approved laboratories.

The Department of State Health Services assumes any cost with implementing the bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of

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