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TO: Honorable Patrick M. Rose, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

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

IN RE: SB2407 by Zaffirini (Relating to the creation of a strategic plan to improve long-term services and supports for individuals with disabilities.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to develop a strategic plan and submit it to legislative committees by December 1, 2010 to improve long-term services and supports for individuals with disabilities. The plan would be required to assess the need for services; prescribe methods to expand access to community-based services; analyze current utilization management methods; examine local access issues for community-based services and identify appropriate solutions; examine current functional eligibility criteria, tools, and service planning reimbursement methodology for the home-and community based services (HCS) waiver system and prescribe methods for the waiver's redesign; prescribe methods to improve services delivered in state schools and centers; prescribe methods to improve service quality; and identify barriers to system improvement and make related recommendations.

This analysis assumes the creation of the strategic plan will not result in a significant fiscal impact to HHSC for the 2010-11 biennium and costs can be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of

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