

**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: SB2420** by Deuell (Relating to the location at which a certification examination for interpreters for the deaf or hard of hearing may be conducted.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Human Resources Code as it relates to the location at which a certification examination for interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing may be conducted.

Under the provisions of the bill, the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) would be able to conduct interpreter examinations in a space that can be obtained free of charge or at a facility selected in compliance with Section 2113.106, Government Code. Under current law, DARS is able to conduct interpreter examinations 1) in Austin at DARS' office or in other space owned or leased by the state that can be obtained free of charge; or 2) in other cities in this state in space that can be obtained free of charge.

According to the agency, the need for space that cannot be obtained for free is not expected to occur more than two times per year and any costs would be covered by existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it received a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house. If the bill does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, the bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 538 Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Department of

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