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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB15 by Miller, Sid (Relating to providing a sonogram before an abortion; providing penalties.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to compile and make available, at no cost, a list of health care providers, facilities, and clinics that offer no-cost obstetric sonogram services. DSHS would be required to prepare a form to be used to certify certain provisions of the bill had been met before an abortion was performed. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) would be required to develop a publication providing information about paternity establishment and child support. DSHS would be required to receive notification from abortion providers, in the case of procedures performed due to medical emergency, of the specific medical condition constituting the emergency. The bill would require the Texas Medical Board or DSHS to revoke the license of a physician or abortion provider that violates the requirements of Subchapter C as added by the bill to Chapter 171, Health and Safety Code. DSHS would be required to inspect abortion facilities at reasonable times as necessary to ensure compliance with Chapter 245, Health and Safety Code and Subchapter C, Chapter 171, Health and Safety Code as added by the bill; the department is currently authorized to conduct such inspections to ensure compliance with Chapter 245, Health and Safety Code.

It is assumed that any cost to implement the provisions of the bill would be minimal and could be absorbed within available resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 503 Texas Medical Board

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