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TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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

IN RE: HB118 by McClendon (Relating to requiring the provision of notice by certain hospitals regarding patients' medical records.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends Section 241.103 of the Health and Safety Code to require a hospital to provide written notice to a patient or a patient's legally authorized representative, as defined in Section 241.151, that the hospital may dispose of medical records relating to the patient within the periods specified in Section 241.103. In an emergency treatment situation, the notice must be provided as soon as reasonably practicable. It is assumed any costs associated with this provision could be absorbed within existing agency 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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