

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

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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: HB411** by Laubenberg (Relating to the confidentiality of newborn screening information.),  
**Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend Section 33.017, Health and Safety Code by requiring approval by the commissioner of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) or the commissioner's designee to disclose newborn screening information under certain circumstances, in addition to the current approval requirements. The bill would allow parental consent to disclosure to be withdrawn at a later date. The bill would also require that DSHS post notice on the agency's newborn screening web page when disclosure has been approved. DSHS indicates that implementing the provisions of the bill would have no fiscal impact.

**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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