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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: HB574 by Howard, Donna (Relating to the immunization data included in and excluded from the immunization registry.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends Health and Safety Code, Section 161 to make the Texas immunization registry (ImmTrac) an “opt-out” database, where the information will be in the database unless the person, or their authorized representative, requests its removal. Currently, DSHS is required to verify consent before including immunization-related information in ImmTrac. The bill would also eliminate post-disaster retention periods for data in ImmTrac related to those disasters.

It is assumed that any costs associated with modifications to the ImmTrac registry application to implement the bill changes 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, 701 Central Education Agency

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