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**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Insurance

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

**IN RE: HB1744** by Allen (Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Insurance Code relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Based on the analysis provided by TDI, it is assumed that any costs associated with the implementation of this bill would be absorbed within existing agency resources. Also based on information provided by TDI, this analysis assumes that implementation of the bill would result in a small one-time revenue gain (\$18,900 in fiscal year 2012) in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Fund 36 from filing fees. Since General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Fund 36 is a self-leveling account, this analysis also assumes that any additional revenue resulting from the implementation of the bill would accumulate in the account fund balances and that the department would adjust the assessment of the maintenance tax or other fees accordingly in the following year.

Based on the analysis of the Teachers Retirement System, it is assumed that the any costs associated with implementing this bill would be absorbed within existing agency resources.

In fiscal years 2014 through 2016, these costs may differ depending on the essential health benefits approved by Health and Human Services per Section 1311 (d) (3) (B) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 323 Teacher Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance

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