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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB1829 by Naishtat (Relating to an application for emergency detention and to the transfer to a mental hospital of a person admitted for emergency detention.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Subsection H and add Subsection H-1 to Section 573.012 of the Health and Safety Code to allow an applicant who is a physician to present an application for emergency detention by email with certain specifications and would allow a judge or magistrate to transmit a warrant electronically or by email with certain specifications to an applicant, who is a physician. No fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of this provision.

The bill would add Subsection C to Section 573.022 of the Health and Safety Code which would allow a facility to transfer patients admitted under emergency detention to an appropriate mental health hospital with written consent of the hospital administrator. The Department of State Health Services estimates there will be no fiscal impact because this puts into statute current practices.

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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