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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

IN RE: HB2116 by Coleman (relating to standards of care for dogs and cats; creating an offense.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

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| No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. |
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The bill would establish a new prohibition regarding the enclosure of dogs and cats. The bill would authorize a penalty for a violation of this prohibition. The bill would require the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to conduct a study regarding the proper standards of care and confinement for dogs and cats. The bill would authorize the adoption of rules from recommendations of the study. The bill would exempt certain organizations or affiliate organizations from the rules. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to both houses. If not, the bill would take effect. September 1, 2011.

This analysis assumes duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing agency resources.

Local Government Impact

The bill would authorize a fine for a violation under Section 821.082 of the bill which would be collected by and remitted to a county. Fiscal impact would vary by county depending on the number of convictions but is not anticipated to be significant.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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