

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 12, 2011**

**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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

**IN RE: HB2515** by Alvarado (Relating to patient safety plans for certain health care facilities.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
---

The bill would amend Chapters 241 and 243, Health and Safety Code, to require hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to implement patient safety plans and report annually on the plans to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). DSHS would then be required to publish a summary of the reports at least annually and make the information available on the DSHS website. The bill would be effective immediately with a two-thirds vote of all members of each house, or on September 1, 2011.

DSHS indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of

**LBB Staff:** JOB, CL, VJC, NB