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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

IN RE: SB594 by Van de Putte (Relating to certain procedures applicable to electronic prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety code to allow Schedule II drugs to be prescribed with an electronic prescription. While the bill does not specifically address the Medicaid or CHIP programs, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) indicates there could be a savings to these programs from reduced prescription errors; it is assumed any savings would not be significant. The bill would also affect the Department of Public Safety (DPS) related to the collection of prescription drug data. This analysis assumes DPS could implement the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 515 Board of Pharmacy, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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