

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: SB620** by Nelson (Relating to the reporting of health care-associated infections and preventable adverse events.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would enable the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to designate the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), or its successor, to receive reports of health care-associated infections from health care facilities on behalf of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and require facilities to provide DSHS with access to reports. It would also enable the executive commissioner to designate a federal agency to receive reports of preventable adverse events. The bill would also allow DSHS to disclose information to the CDC and other federal agencies, as designated by the executive commissioner.

The bill would amend Chapter 98 of the Health and Safety Code to increase the maximum reporting frequency for facilities from quarterly to monthly, and to delete Section 98.104 relating to surgical site infection reporting for certain health care facilities performing less than 50 specified procedures per month.

DSHS indicates the bill would not have a significant fiscal impact.

**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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