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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: SB1448 by Zaffirini (Relating to consent for treatment for chemical dependency in a treatment facility and required training for the facility's intake personnel.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend Chapter 462, Health and Safety Code, by authorizing psychologists, social workers, professional counselors, and chemical dependency counselors to explain certain information to a patient before the administration of a therapy, medication, or treatment; current statute specifies only the treating physician. The bill would require eight hours of inservice training before a person conducts an intake or assessment for a treatment facility. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

The Department of State Health Services indicates that promulgation of rules could be completed with existing staff resources.

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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