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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2627 by Zedler (Relating to the issuance of remedial plans to resolve complaints filed with the Texas Optometry Board; authorizing a fee.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to the issuance of remedial plans to resolve complaints filed with the Texas Optometry Board and authorizing fees. The bill would allow the Optometry Board to establish and issue terms for a remedial plan to resolve the investigation of certain complaints. The bill would establish parameters for the type of complaints that would be eligible for a remedial plan and limit the type and extent of disciplinary action that may be taken as part of the plan. The bill would allow the Optometry Board to assess a fee against the license holder participating in the remedial plan in an amount sufficient to recover any costs associated with administering the plan. The bill would apply only to complaints filed on or after September 1, 2013.

Based on information provided by the Optometry Board, it is assumed that any costs associated with the implementation of the bill would be absorbed within existing staff and resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 514 Optometry Board

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