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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3253** by Zerwas (Relating to the notation of death on a birth certificate and the release of birth certificate information for certain purposes.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code relating to the notation of death on a birth certificate and the release of birth certificate information for certain purposes. The bill would require a notation of the date of death on every person's birth certificate who was born in Texas once death occurs. Additionally, the bill would allow certain information held by the department related to birth certificates to be released to a faculty member at a medical school for statistical or medical research.

The bill would take effect immediately if a two-thirds majority vote in both houses of the Legislature is received, otherwise the bill would take effect on September 1, 2013. Based on the analysis provided by the Department of State Health Services, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing 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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