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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Insurance

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3276 by Simmons (Relating to the coverage by certain health benefit plans for the screening and treatment of autism spectrum disorder.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Insurance Code to the coverage by certain health benefit plans for the screening and treatment of autism spectrum disorder. The bill would require health benefit plans to provide coverage for screening and treatment of an autism spectrum disorder. The bill would exempt certain qualified health plans and health plans that would require the state to make payments to defray the cost of the additional benefits mandated. The bill would apply to a health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2014.

Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Insurance, Teacher Retirement System, University of Texas System and Texas A&M University System, it is assumed that any costs associated with the implementation of this bill would be absorbed within existing staff and resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 323 Teacher Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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