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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB126 by Nelson (Relating to the creation of a mental health and substance abuse public reporting system.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code as it relates to the creation of a mental health and substance abuse public reporting system. Under the provisions of the bill, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) would be required to establish and maintain a public reporting system of performance and outcome measures related to community mental health and substance abuse services. Under the provisions of the bill, the system must allow external users to view and compare the performance, outputs, and outcomes of the Medicaid managed care programs that provide mental health services. The bill requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing and maintaining a public reporting system. HHSC would be required to report its findings to the legislature by December 1, 2014. DSHS would be required to report on the development of the public reporting system by December 1, 2014. DSHS and the Health and Human Services Commission indicate that 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: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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