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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1643 by Williams (Relating to the monitoring of prescriptions for certain controlled substances.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to require pharmacists to include the method of payment used to pay for a prescription on the prescription form or note for Schedule II controlled substances. The bill would add pharmacy technicians acting at the direction of a pharmacist and nurses acting at the direction of a practitioner to those authorized to access prescription history. The bill would create the Interagency Prescription Monitoring Work Group to evaluate the effectiveness of prescription monitoring and record-keeping relating to the regulation of dispensing controlled substances by prescription. The bill would require the Interagency Prescription Monitoring Work Group to meet at least quarterly for the purpose of providing the Legislature with recommendations by no later than December 1 of each even-numbered year on improving the regulation of dispensing controlled substances by prescription.

It is assumed the costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 503 Texas Medical Board, 515 Board of Pharmacy, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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