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TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB839** by Naishtat (Relating to the reinstatement of eligibility of certain children released from a juvenile facility for benefits under the medical assistance and child health plan programs.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to reinstate the health benefits coverage of a child released from a juvenile facility within 48 hours after notification of the child's release. The juvenile facility would be required to notify HHSC within 30 days after the child's release from confinement. The agency would be directed to seek any necessary federal waiver or authorization and could delay implementation of any provision until such waiver or authorization is granted. It is assumed costs associated with additional client services would not be significant.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies:

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