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TO: Honorable Myra Crownover, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2978 by Bonnen, Greg (Relating to the licensing and regulation of neurodiagnostic technologists; requiring an occupational license; creating an offense; providing penalties and authorizing fees.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2978, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds |
|--------------------|---|
| 2016 | \$0 |
| 2017 | \$0 |
| 2018 | \$0 |
| 2019 | \$0 |
| 2020 | \$0 |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Revenue Gain from General Revenue Fund 1 | Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1 | Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2015 |
|--------------------|--|--|---|
| 2016 | \$66,327 | (\$66,327) | 1.0 |
| 2017 | \$59,327 | (\$59,327) | 1.0 |
| 2018 | \$59,327 | (\$59,327) | 1.0 |
| 2019 | \$59,327 | (\$59,327) | 1.0 |
| 2020 | \$59,327 | (\$59,327) | 1.0 |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Occupations code relating to the licensing and regulation of neurodiagnostic technologists; requiring an occupational license; creating an offense; providing

penalties and authorizing fees.

The bill would require the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to create and administer an occupational licensing program regulating neurodiagnostic technologists. The bill requires TDLR to adopt rules necessary to administer the program. The bill provides for the department to establish reasonable and necessary fees in amounts sufficient to cover the costs of administering and enforcing the program rules.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2015, except for the requirement of licensure to act or offer to act as a neurodiagnostic technologist, which would take effect September 1, 2016.

Methodology

According to information provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts there are two national organizations which include approximately 504 neurodiagnostic technologists in the state. To respond to the increased workload related to creating this new program, TDLR would require an additional 1.0 FTE to administer the program. Based upon estimates provided by TDLR, the cost of operating the program will be \$59,327 each fiscal year. This includes \$41,304 in salary costs, \$13,993 in payroll and benefits, and \$4,030 in rent and other operating expenses. Additionally, the program will require \$7,000 in fiscal year 2016 for FTE related start-up costs.

This analysis assumes that any increased costs to TDLR, which is statutorily required to generate sufficient revenue to cover its costs of operation, would be offset by an increase in fee generated revenue.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation

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