

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 20, 2015**

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

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB304 by Schwertner (relating to the abuse and neglect of residents of certain facilities.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Chapter 242 of the Health and Safety Code to require the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to revoke the license of a facility if the license holder commits certain violations. The bill would amend Chapter 531, Government Code to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to contract with a nonprofit organization to adjudicate disputes between an institution and DADS concerning certain violations. There would be a reduction in full-time equivalents (FTEs) as a result of HHSC contracting with a nonprofit organization for this purpose. The resulting savings would partially offset any costs to implement the provisions of the bill, and based on the LBB's analysis of DADS and HHSC, costs associated with implementing the bill would be minimal and could be absorbed within available resources. This analysis assumes there will not be a significant increase in the number of facilities entering into informal dispute resolution as a result of the implementation of the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of

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