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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB694 by Bettencourt (Relating to authorizing patients with certain terminal illnesses to access certain investigational drugs, biological products, and devices that are in clinical trials.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to allow eligible patients access to investigational drugs, biological products, or devices if certain conditions are met. The bill would authorize certain actions by manufacturers, health insurers, and physicians to ensure access to such products. It is anticipated that the duties and responsibilities of implementing agencies would be accomplished through existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 323 Teacher Retirement System, 327 Employees Retirement System, 454

Department of Insurance, 503 Texas Medical Board, 529 Health and

Human Services Commission

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