

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1128 by Zaffirini (Relating to certain diagnostic testing during pregnancy.), As Passed
2nd House

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code as it relates to diagnostic testing during pregnancy and after birth. The bill would require that a test for syphilis be performed during the third trimester of a pregnancy. The bill would also remove the requirement for the test at the time of labor and delivery if records indicate that the test was performed during the third trimester. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) would be required to submit a biennial report of congenital syphilis data to the legislature. It is assumed that DSHS and the Texas Medical Board could absorb any costs to implement the legislation within current resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 503 Texas Medical Board, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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