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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1642** by Bell (Relating to reporting requirements for investigations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation against residents of certain health facilities.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to only require the Health and Human Services Commission to submit a written report to an appropriate law enforcement agency regarding a claim of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or other complaint if HHSC determines the claim is substantiated at the end of an investigation of the claim in accordance with statutory requirements. The bill would take effect September 1, 2017. The Health and Human Services Commission indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources. This analysis assumes that any savings resulting from the removal of the requirement to submit a written report on unsubstantiated claim would be minimal.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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