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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB415 by Perry (Relating to a prohibition on the performance of dismemberment abortions; providing penalties; creating a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would prohibit certain dismemberment abortions and would establish a criminal penalty (state jail felony) for a violation of the prohibition. The bill would add dismemberment abortions to the list of prohibited actions applicable to physicians or applicants for a license to practice medicine, making them subject to disciplinary action by the Texas Medical Board or the revoking of their license.

The bill would take effect immediately upon a two-thirds vote from all members of each house or, if such a vote is not received, on September 1, 2017.

According to the Health and Human Services Commission, the Office of Court Administration, the Texas Medical Board, the Office of Attorney General, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions for criminal offenses would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 503 Texas Medical Board, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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