

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**April 10, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

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

**IN RE: SB1520** by Hancock (Relating to certain duties of physicians regarding patient records.),  
**As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to certain duties of physicians regarding patient records. The bill provides provisions relating to the amount of fees that may be charged by a physician for furnishing copies of a patient's billing or medical records under certain circumstances. The bill would permit the Texas Medical Board to require by rule that a physician notify patients before retiring, relocating or terminating employment and provide the patient an opportunity to request copies of billing or medical records.

The Texas Medical Board anticipates any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 503 Texas Medical Board

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