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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1520 by Hancock (Relating to duties of physicians and certain other entities regarding patient records.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to certain duties of physicians and certain other entities regarding patient records. The bill would require a medical practice to provide certain documents to a departing physician. The bill would permit a medical practice to charge a reasonable fee for the copying of patient medical records under the provisions of the bill. The bill would require the records to be provided to the departing physician in the same format in which the records are maintained by the medical practice.

The bill would require the Texas Medical Board, by rule, to require that a physician notify patients before retiring, terminating employment, or leaving a medical practice and provide the patient an opportunity to request copies of billing or medical records.

The Texas Medical Board, Health and Human Services Commission, Texas A&M University System, University of Texas System, Texas Tech University System, and University of North Texas System anticipate 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, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration

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