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TO: Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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IN RE: HB517 by Israel (Relating to unprofessional conduct by mental health providers who attempt to change the sexual orientation of a child; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupation Code to stipulate that a mental health provider would engage in unprofessional conduct if the provider attempts to change the child's sexual orientation, or attempts to eliminate or reduce the child's sexual or romantic attractions or feelings towards individuals of the same sex. Under the provisions of the bill, a mental health provider who commits this type of unprofessional conduct would be subject to disciplinary action by a state regulatory entity.

The state agencies that regulate mental health providers indicate that the costs of disciplinary actions required by the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 407 Commission on Law Enforcement, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation, 503 Texas Medical Board, 507 Texas Board of Nursing, 520 Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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