

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 19, 2019**

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

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2032** by Turner, John (Relating to the health literacy advisory committee and health literacy in the state health plan.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code relating to the health literacy advisory committee and health literacy in the state health plan.

The bill would require the statewide health coordinating council to form an advisory committee on health literacy. The advisory committee would have certain membership requirements and develop a long-range plan for increasing health literacy, including studying the economic impact of low health literacy on state health care programs and insurance coverage for residents. The advisory committee would be required to identify key risk factors for low health literacy, examine methods for health care providers to address health literacy with patients and the public, and identify other methods to expand health literacy in the state.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

The agency estimates there would be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of

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