

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 18, 2019**

**TO:** Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

**IN RE:** SB916 by Johnson (Relating to supportive palliative care.), As Passed 2nd House

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to study the potential improvements to patient care and health outcomes, and to potential cost savings to the state, from supporting or providing Medicaid reimbursement for supportive palliative care. The study would include an evaluation and comparison of other states that provide Medicaid reimbursement for supportive palliative care. HHSC would provide the study's findings to the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council not later than September 1, 2022.

HHSC would be required to implement the provisions of the bill only if the agency receives a gift, grant, or donation or if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the agency does not receive a gift, grant, or donation and the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the agency may, but is not required to, implement the provisions of the bill using other appropriations available for that purpose.

HHSC indicates that the provisions of the bill could be absorbed with existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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