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TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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IN RE: SB2111 by Watson (Relating to the Health and Human Services Commission developing a plan to contract with a public institution of higher education to operate a certain state hospital.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 552 of the Health and Safety Code to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to develop a plan to transfer the operations of Austin State Hospital from HHSC to a local public institution of higher education. The bill would require HHSC to produce a report containing the plan and recommendations by September 1, 2020. The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Based on the Legislative Budget Board's analysis of HHSC, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill relating to developing a plan to contract with public institutions of higher education to operate state hospitals could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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