

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Stephanie Klick, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1697 by Raney (Relating to the provision of sex offender treatment by certain physicians and psychologists.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code as it relates to the requirements for sex offender treatment provider licensure. The bill would add additional circumstances under which providers, specifically certain licensed psychologists and physicians, are not required to possess this licensure.

The Health and Human Services Commission's (HHSC's) Council on Sex Offender Treatment would review and revise current rules in accordance with the bill. HHSC anticipates that if rules are revised, additional guidance may need to be issued to providers and training on new requirements provided to staff. It is assumed that the costs associated with implementing the bill's provisions could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 503 Texas Medical Board, 510 Behavioral Health Executive Council, 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm
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