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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2029 by Klick (Relating to the licensing and authority of advanced practice registered nurses.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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It is assumed that the costs associated with the bill's provisions relating to the licensing and authority of advanced practice registered nurses could be absorbed using existing resources.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code as it relates to the definition of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) and to the scope of practice of APRNs. The bill would allow APRNs to practice as licensed independent practitioners, as authorized by the Board of Nursing (BON), rather than through agreements with supervising physicians. The bill would allow APRNs to independently prescribe and order medications and devices, including controlled substances, as authorized by BON.

The bill makes conforming amendments to the Occupations, Education, Family, Government, Health and Safety, Human Resources, and Insurance Codes. Responding agencies anticipate that any costs associated with the duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be addressed without additional appropriations.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 452 Dept of License & Reg, 503 Texas Medical Board, 504 Board of Dental Examiners, 507 Texas Board of Nursing, 514 Optometry Board, 537 State Health Services, 578 Bd of Vet Medical Exam

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