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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2856 by Swanson (Relating to provider discrimination against a Medicaid recipient or child health plan program enrollee based on immunization status.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 531 of the Government Code to prohibit a provider who participates in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) from refusing to provide health care services to a Medicaid or CHIP recipient based on the recipient's refusal or failure to obtain a vaccine or immunization. The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) would be required to not provide reimbursement to providers who violate this requirement and disenroll the provider from Medicaid and CHIP. HHSC indicates it could absorb the costs associated with the bill within current resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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