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TO: Honorable Victoria Neave, Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4055 by Meza (Relating to reporting and investigating certain cases of child abuse or neglect involving a pregnant woman's use of a controlled substance.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend Family Code to prohibit a professional providing care to a pregnant woman who voluntarily discloses the illegal use of a controlled substance from making a report to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) in certain circumstances. The bill would also prevent DFPS from investigating a report of abuse or neglect if a pregnant women with illegal use of a controlled substance enrolls and successfully completes a substance abuse treatment program.

Based on analysis of DFPS, it is assumed that the costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. The bill could potentially result in a loss of federal funding at DFPS, if it was determined that the provisions were not in compliance with the agency's obligations under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 530 Family & Protective Services

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