

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 25, 2021**

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

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB572** by Springer (Relating to members of the clergy who are employed or voluntarily enter inpatient health care facilities to minister during a state of disaster, emergency, or epidemic.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to establish rules that require inpatient health care facilities to allow members of the clergy to visit patients or residents during a public health emergency whenever a patient or resident requests such a visit. HHSC and the Department of State Health Services indicated the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm, 537 State Health Services

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