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TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB640 by Menéndez (Relating to a study on the interoperability needs and technology readiness of behavioral health service providers in this state.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the e-Health Advisory Committee to conduct a study to assess interoperability needs and technology readiness of behavioral health service providers in the state. The bill would require HHSC and the e-Health Advisory Committee to prepare a report, including a state plan to align the interoperability and technological capabilities in the provision of behavioral health services with applicable state and federal law, no later than August 31, 2022. The bill would require HHSC to implement a component of the plan or a recommendation included in the report to the extent permitted by law and as determined appropriate by the HHSC executive commissioner.

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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