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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: SB2468 by Eckhardt (relating to a study regarding available beds at inpatient mental health facilities providing acute psychiatric treatment.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB2468, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$1,634,415) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2024	(\$1,634,415)
2025	\$0
2026	\$0
2027	\$0
2028	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2023</i>
2024	(\$1,634,415)	1.0
2025	\$0	0.0
2026	\$0	0.0
2027	\$0	0.0
2028	\$0	0.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to conduct a study regarding the availability of beds at inpatient mental health facilities in Texas that provide acute inpatient psychiatric treatment, including the current number of available beds, the current number of patients, the projected need over the next several years, and the current and anticipated resources needed to meet demands. The bill would authorize HHSC to collaborate with institutions of higher education that award medical degrees to complete the study and would require HHSC to submit a written report to the legislature on the study by September 1, 2024.

Methodology

The analysis assumes HHSC would contract with an institution of higher education to complete the study. Due to the amount of coordination and data required to complete the study and based on other studies HHSC has contracted with universities to perform, the analysis assumes the cost for contracting would be \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2024.

The analysis also assumes HHSC would require 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE), a Program Specialist VII, to collaborate with the contractor and internal HHSC departments as needed to complete the study. The cost for the FTE would be \$0.1 million in fiscal year 2024.

Technology

FTE-related technology costs would be less than \$0.1 million in fiscal year 2024.

Local Government Impact

Certain local entities, such as local mental and behavioral health authorities, could experience a fiscal impact to provide data required to complete the study.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration

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