

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 3677 - HB 3705**

March 18, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires death certificates to include check boxes asking questions about the deceased and diabetes.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$39,000 Recurring  
\$53,900 One-Time**

#### Assumptions:

- The Department of Health, Office of Vital Records would need an additional Vital Records Information Assistant for the query system which is used to track physicians who have improperly completed "Cause of Death" information and ensure that they correct the erroneous or vague information through manually reviewing and coding of death certificates. Such will increase recurring state expenditures by \$32,918 for salary and benefits and \$6,150 for supplies, software, rent and communications. One-time expenditures will increase by an amount of \$3,900 for computer equipment and landscaping.
- The provisions of the bill are different from the training physicians have received and are not aligned with the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) software that is used by all states to collect cause of death information.
- The Department will need to contract trainers to ensure that physicians, local health departments and funeral directors are knowledgeable of the new system and that death certificates are completed in a manner that will permit electronic capture of diabetes information. Such is estimated to increase one-time expenditures by \$50,000.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director