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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill:H.B. 580 of the 131st G.A.Date:December 7, 2016Status:As Reported by Senate AgricultureSponsor:Reps. T. Johnson and Huffman

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates November as "One Health Awareness Month," May 15 as "All for the Kids Awareness Day," and creates the Malnutrition Prevention Commission

State Fiscal Highlights

• Participating state agencies could experience a minimal increase in administrative costs to carry out the duties of the Malnutrition Prevention Commission and to develop the required report.

Local Fiscal Highlights

• No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Malnutrition Prevention Commission

The bill creates the Malnutrition Prevention Commission and outlines its membership. The bill specifies that a member shall serve without compensation except to the extent that serving on the Commission is considered part of the member's regular duties of employment. Members of the Commission include the directors (or a Director's designee) of Health, Aging, Job and Family Services, Agriculture, and the Commission on Minority Health; the chairpersons of the standing committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate with primary responsibility for health legislation; and nine members appointed by the Governor. The bill specifies that the Director of Health, or the Director's designee, will serve as chairperson of the Commission.

The bill specifies the duties of the Commission. In addition, the bill requires the Commission to prepare a report of its findings and recommendations. The Commission must submit a copy of the report to the Governor and General Assembly no later than 12 months after the effective date of the bill. Once the report is submitted, the Commission will cease to exist.

The above-mentioned state agencies may experience a minimal increase in administrative costs related to Commission participation and the development of the required report.

Awareness designations

The bill designates the month of November as "One Health Awareness Month" to increase public awareness and understanding of the connections between human, animal, and ecosystem health. Additionally, the bill designates May 15 as "All for the Kids Awareness Day." The bill does not require any direct action, in regards to these designations, by the state or local government entities; thus, there should be no fiscal effect.

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