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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1165

DATE PREPARED: Feb 16, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Feb 16, 1999

SUBJECT: Insurance Coverage for Autism.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill defines autism as a neurological condition for purposes of coverage under group health insurance and group health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts. The bill requires group health insurers and group HMO contracts that provide basic health care services to **offer** to provide coverage for treatment, including therapeutic respite and rehabilitative care, of autism of a child covered under the plan. The bill limits the required offer of coverage to a maximum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per year, not to include coverage for treatment of unrelated medical conditions. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Autism.)

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill requires group health insurance and group HMO contracts to **offer** to provide coverage for treatment, including therapeutic respite and rehabilitative care, of autism of a child covered under the plan. Since no requirements are imposed on the state to provide coverage, there would be no fiscal impact to the state.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Similar to the state, since a mandated offering does not impose any requirements on local governments and school corporations in the provision of health benefits to employees, there would be no fiscal impact on these entities.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: