## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number: HB2572
	House of Origin  Introduced  Substitute  Engrossed
	Second House
2.	Patron: Shannon
3.	Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions
4.	<b>Title:</b> Disabilities served by the Department of Rehabilitative Services; autism.
5.	<b>Summary/Purpose:</b> Includes medically diagnosed autism spectrum disorders under the definition of "functional and central nervous system disabilities" for purposes of establishing the Department as the agency to coordinate rehabilitative services and to provide comprehensive assessment of the need for services.
6.	No Fiscal Impact.
7.	Budget amendment necessary: No.
8.	Fiscal implications: None.
9.	<b>Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:</b> The Department of Rehabilitative Services.
10	Technical amendment necessary: No.
11	• Other comments: The Department of Rehabilitative Services is conferring with the patron to determine the purpose of the bill. Currently, individuals with autism spectrum disorders may receive vocational rehabilitation services if they are determined eligible for these services. It is uncertain if the patron's intentions are for vocational rehabilitation services or

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another form of rehabilitation provision.