

## Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB984

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Lopez

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Health insurance; mandated coverage for autism spectrum disorder.

**5. Summary:** Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals from age two through age 14. Currently, such coverage is required to be provided for individuals from age two through age 10. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2017. The measure does not apply to policies, contracts, or plans issued in the individual market or the small group market.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes – Item 475 (Compensation and Benefit Adjustments).

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary – see Item 8.

**Expenditure Impact**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016	\$0	0.00	-
2017	\$62,230	0.00	GF
2018	\$62,230	0.00	GF
2019	\$62,230	000	GF
2020	\$62,230	0.00	GF
2021	\$62,230	0.00	GF
2022	\$62,230	0.00	GF

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Based on the data provided by Anthem to the Department of Human Resource Management, expanding coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals from ages two years through 14 years would result in a total fiscal impact of approximately \$127,000 beginning in fiscal year 2017 to the state health plan. Assuming the general fund share of the state health insurance plan is 49 percent, the estimated annual general fund cost is \$62,230. The general fund portion of costs associated with the employer's share of premiums paid for the state's health plan would have to be adjusted as a result of this legislation; therefore, a budget amendment is required.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Human Resource Management, Administration of Health Insurance, State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.