

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

A county without a public hospital is required to provide certain medical services for indigent county residents and, if the expenditures of the services exceed a certain percentage of the county's general revenue tax levy, the county is eligible for state assistance through matching grant funds.

Currently, expenditures for debt services are included in the calculation of the tax levy, and interested parties assert that this penalizes counties that fund necessary capital improvements, such as jails, county buildings, and transportation projects, by the issuance of bonds and certificates of obligation.

H.B. 2315 amends current law relating to a county's general revenue levy for indigent health care.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 61.002(5), Health and Safety Code, to redefine "general revenue levy."

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.