

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6381-01
Bill No.: HB 2434
Subject: Civil Procedure; Courts; Health Care Professionals
Type: Original
Date: March 2, 2018

Bill Summary: This proposal changes provisions regarding punitive damages against health care providers.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2019 | FY 2020 | FY 2021 |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2019 | FY 2020 | FY 2021 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2019 | FY 2020 | FY 2021 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2019 | FY 2020 | FY 2021 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE | 0 | 0 | 0 |

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2019 | FY 2020 | FY 2021 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** assume no direct impact to medical services, but there may be an indirect impact. For example, if Corizon (DOC's contracted medical provider) is incurring more costs related to the increase in treatment, it may impact the cost of the contract. Per the contract, if there is a sustained increase in the cost of providing medical services, there is potential for the contractor to revisit the contract amount. This not only applies to medical services, but also to staffing.

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume there may be some impact but there is no way to quantify that currently. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

Officials at the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Mental Health** and the **Department of Social Services** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2019 (10 Mo.) | FY 2020 | FY 2021 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2019 (10 Mo.) | FY 2020 | FY 2021 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small business health care providers could be impacted by this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

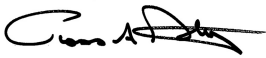
The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Corrections
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Mental Health
Department of Social Services

Ross Strobe

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Strobe", with a stylized, cursive script.

Acting Director
March 2, 2018