

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 7419H.01I
Bill No.: HB 3457
Subject: Health Care; Children and Minors
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal creates provisions relating to medically complex pediatric patients.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§197.181 - Medically Complex Pediatric Patients

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state section 197.181.1 of the proposed legislation establishes “Maddie’s Law: The Rare Pediatric Disease Care and Protocol Protection Act.”

Section 197.181.2 of the proposed legislation defines related terms.

Section 197.181.3 of the proposed legislation requires each hospital that operates an emergency department to “implement, within its existing electronic health record system, a clearly visible electronic alert or flag for a medically complex pediatric patient” and outlines the requirements for the alert.

Section 197.181.4 of the proposed legislation considers a hospital to be compliant if using an existing alert, flag, or patient notification functionality in its existing electronic health record system.

Section 197.181.5 of the proposed legislation states that hospitals are not required to “(1) purchase a new electronic health record system; (2) develop a separate technology platform; or (3) create a new full-time position.”

Section 197.181.6 of the proposed legislation allows a parent or legal guardian of a medically complex pediatric patient to request inclusion of the patient in the alert system and submit a patient care plan to be included in the hospital’s electronic health record.

Section 197.181.7 of the proposed legislation requires care plans to be “entered into the system in coordination with a licensed health care provider.”

Section 197.181.8 of the proposed legislation requires the alert system to be voluntary and requires consent of the medically complex pediatric patient’s parent or legal guardian.

Section 197.181.9 of the proposed legislation requires all information to comply with applicable state and federal privacy laws, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Section 197.181.10 of the proposed legislation exempts any hospital or health care provider acting in good-faith reliance on a care plan accessed in accordance with this section from additional civil liability solely for such reliance.

Section 197.181.11 of the proposed legislation requires the DHSS to administer the provisions of the proposed legislation within existing appropriations.

Section 197.181.12 of the proposed legislation allows the Department to issue model guidelines to assist hospitals in implementation of the requirements of this section. The guidelines must be advisory and not require formal rulemaking unless necessary.

Section 197.181.13 of the proposed legislation states “nothing in this section shall be construed to: (1) establish a state registry; (2) require the creation of a state database; or (3) require the Department to collect or store patient-specific medical information.

The DHSS, Division of Regulation and Licensure’s (DRL) is responsible for the licensure and regulation of hospitals. As a result of the proposed legislation, DHSS will be required to modify the hospital inspection protocol to ensure compliance with section 197.181. In addition, DHSS may experience minor additional work in terms of complaint investigations related to the provisions of the proposed legislation.

It is assumed that the Department can absorb the costs of this bill with current resources. However, if the workload significantly increased or other legislation was enacted, additional resources would be requested through the appropriation process.

Oversight assumes DHSS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DHSS could absorb the costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DHSS could request funding through the appropriation process. Officials from the DHSS assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other hospitals were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected as a result of 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 Commerce and Insurance
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