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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 291** HLS 23RS 87

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> visitation policies		

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EN NO IMPACT See Note  
Provides for visitation policies at certain healthcare facilities and requires that such policies allow for in-person visitation

Proposed law requires certain healthcare facilities to develop policies and procedures to allow in-person visitation for any of their residents, clients, or patients. The provisions may include review of infection control, hand washing, and education policies, requirements for temperature screening, review of safety procedures and any other infection control procedures.

Proposed law provides that the policies and procedures may not be more stringent than those established for the facility staff, and may not require visitors to submit proof of any vaccination or immunization. The policies and procedures allow consensual physical contact between a resident, client, or patient and his visitor. Proposed law provides 1). an employee of the facility shall be designated responsible for compliance of policies, 2) allows a resident or patient to designate at least one visitor as a designated caregiver, 3) requires a facility to allow in-person visitation unless otherwise restricted, 4). may require the visitor to agree in writing to policies, 5). authorizes the facility to suspend visitation if visitor violates policies, and 6) authorizes access to religious support persons in addition to the designated essential caregiver. Proposed law provides for requirements of LDH.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Any review function required under this measure will be covered with existing staff and resources. Proposed law requires a facility to submit a written copy of its visitation policies and procedures to the Health Standards Section of LDH when applying for initial licensure, and at any time afterwards upon request. In addition, LDH is required to dedicate a stand-alone page on its website to explain the visitation requirements and provide a link to the facility's webpage to report complaints.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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